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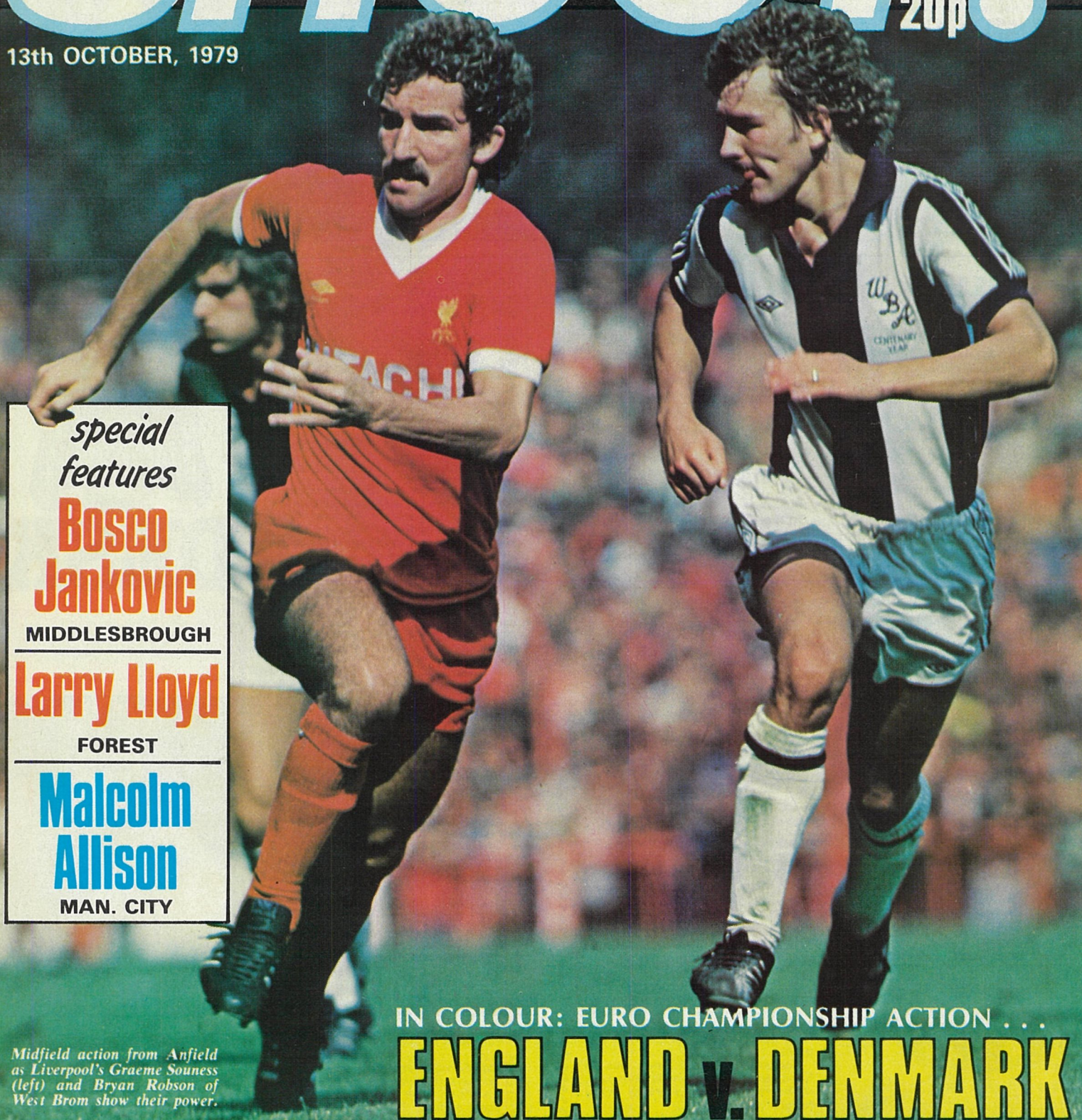
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*Midfield action from Anfield
as Liverpool's Graeme Souness
(left) and Bryan Robson of
West Brom show their power.*

IN COLOUR: EURO CHAMPIONSHIP ACTION . . .

ENGLAND v. DENMARK

FROM the Scottish Second Division scrapheap to the Premier Division. That could be the change in fortunes for 24-year-old midfielder player Gordon Soutar if all goes well.

Discarded by East Stirling and Falkirk, he was snapped up by Motherwell boss Ally MacLeod and is now a regular in the First Division side as they aim to bounce back to the Premier in one season.

Soutar, who interested Shrewsbury Town before deciding to stay in Scotland with 'Well, said: "Being full-time has made all the difference to me. I couldn't settle at my previous clubs as a part-timer."

England prospect

CLIVE Whitehead joined Bristol City as a winger, has done a stint at full back and now has manager Alan Dicks singing his praises as a centre half.

"Clive did a tremendous job there when I was forced to try him out at the start of the season," says Dicks, who had been on the search for a central defender.

"But if Clive keeps it up I shall be recommending him quite seriously to England manager Ron Greenwood."

Birmingham-born Clive, 24, in November, has played for England at Youth level both as an amateur and a professional.

DARLINGTON want a full-time secretary. Part-time official Andy Rowell will continue in an advisory capacity.

Holton slams Coventry's record

COVENTRY defender Jim Holton blames the club's lack of consistency for their dismal performance in the last three years.

And he claims that unless they can remedy the problem, Coventry have no hope of winning trophies this season.

"It's completely frustrating," says the former Scottish international.

"It has been the same throughout my two-and-a-half years at the club. We have no consistency at all. We just blow hot and cold all the time. That is the trouble with us... and the worst part is that we just haven't a clue as to why it is."

Holton certainly saw the same problem at the start of this season.

He explains: "It was the same old problem. We got a 4-1 thrashing from Nottingham Forest, yet in

our next game, we beat the then League leaders Norwich, who were unbeaten at that stage.

"Then we went to Ipswich and beat them 1-0 on their own ground in the League Cup. That was a superb result and we finished the job by drawing 0-0 in the return leg on our own ground.

"All the time, though, it was the same problem; good results and then bad and no reason for such inconsistency. We have been talking regularly about it for more than a year but we simply cannot pin it down to any one thing. It is a mystery how we can play so well one week and so atrociously the next."



Clough chases Lundy

NOTTINGHAM Forest have joined the race for talented Newry schoolboy Pat Lundy, who has come under the microscope of several English and Irish clubs.

A brilliant prospect, 14-year-old Pat comes from the same football town which produced senior Irish internationals Pat Jennings (Arsenal), Tom Connell (Manchester United), Peter McParland (ex-Aston Villa), Seamus D'Arcy (ex-Chelsea), Ray Ferris (ex-Birmingham City), and Bob Hamilton, former Glasgow Rangers' defender.

Another Irish star, Glentoran full-back Rab McCreery, is attracting several Football League clubs, including Third Division Reading.

An older brother of Queens Park Rangers and Northern Ireland midfielder David McCreery, strong-tackling Rab has picked-up Irish League and Cup honours with the Belfast Glens, for whom he has also starred in European competitions in recent seasons.

FALKIRK'S penalty expert John Hay could become the club's top scorer this season. The Bairns were awarded spot kicks in each of their first four games and Hay netted them all to go out in front in the club scoring chart.



Spot-kick chumps

SCOTLAND manager Jock Stein must give priority to deciding who is to take penalty kicks in future. Penalties are becoming one of Scotland's weak spots and could be vital in the remaining games in the European Championship.

John Wark (Ipswich) saw his spot-kick saved by the Peru 'keeper in the recent friendly at Hampden. Don Masson missed against the same team in the World Cup Finals last year. Tommy Hutchison (Coventry) was another failure against Spain in the European Championship.

This little piggy went to football

TOILET rolls are a favourite missile with the hooligan minority at football grounds.

But a Derby fan became a trifle more inventive when his team were trailing Arsenal 2-0 at the Baseball Ground.

He hurled a pig's head on to the pitch.

Fortunately, a policeman was on hand to take the 'missile' away.

The fan's protest worked. Derby fought back to win 3-2.

SHOOT columnists — Ray Clemence of Liverpool and Celtic's Danny McGrain were included in the Rothmans Football Awards for 1979.

Other winners announced at the recent launching of the tenth edition of ROTHMANS FOOTBALL YEAR-BOOK 1979-80 were Liam Brady (Arsenal), Brian Clough (Nottingham Forest), Ross Jenkins (Watford), and John Toshack (Swansea City).

Edited by Jack Rollin, the book is priced at £5.50 (hardback) and £3.75 (limp bound) and published by Queen Anne Press.

CRAWFORD Boyd, the 27 year-old centre-half who was in dispute with Queen of the South because he was not interested in Second Division football, could be playing in the Premier Division next season. Boyd has signed for Hearts who even at this early stage are favourites to get back to the top Division in one season and manager Willie Ormond is looking on him to strengthen the defence. Boyd cost Hearts £20,000 and while in dispute with the Dumfries club kept fit with the Morton players at Greenock.

HEARTS star Mike Leonard (18), injured in a motor-cycle accident during the close season, plans to cycle to fitness when he is discharged from hospital. Mike has undergone several operations since his accident in which he suffered a cracked wrist, a dislocated hip and damaged tendons behind the kneecap.

BOBBY Charlton, capped by England 106 times, and Rodney Marsh, the former England, Manchester City and Tampa Bay player, celebrate birthdays on Thursday, October 11th. Charlton will be 42 and Marsh 35.

FACTastic

BRITISH clubs find it more difficult to win European ties in Italy than any other country.

Since Birmingham City were Fairs Cup winners in Milan back in 1960-61, English teams have made 26 European Cup visits to Italy. They've suffered 17 defeats and nine draws.

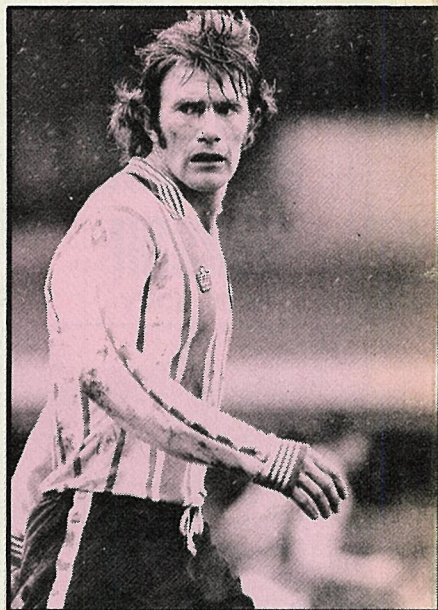
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DESK

MEADOWBANK Thistle have signed goalkeeper Derek Neilson from Dundee United. Neilson, aged 21, was one of four goalkeepers, including former Chelsea and England star, Peter Bonetti, on Dundee United's books



Swop seats?

THEY don't come much friendlier than Brighton. Manager Alan Mullery is like a Dutch uncle to the Press.

While Bobby Robson stole quietly away from the Goldstone Ground after Ipswich's League defeat last month, Mullers was bouncing into the Press room to shout the praises of his rejuvenated team.

Wonderful stuff and typical of homely Brighton.

Sad then that I have to report things are not all quiet on one front at the Goldstone. I refer to the Press box facilities. They're diabolical for a First Division club.

It is nothing these days to sit with Brighton fans breathing hot-dogs and hot-air from the row immediately behind. No segregation, the scribes are in with the crowd. It is a brave reporter who breathes criticism of Brighton down a telephone with a Seagulls fanatic at his shoulder.

Worse still, my seat in the box was within earshot of one corner flag — and out of sight of another. The moving heads of club officials obscured vision for part of the game and tiresome fans arriving late and leaving early were just as bad.

The problem has nothing to do with Alan Mullery. He is running the team. My beef is with the chairman, Mr Mike Bamber.

Swop you seats the next time I'm at the Goldstone, Mike?



'I'm Guilty'

WHEN it comes to discipline Alan Buckley, Walsall's player-manager, is no different from other members of his team at Fellows Park.

Booked in the game against Hereford United, he fined himself £10.

Buckley, who has made a good start to his managerial career, said: "Obviously it would be wrong to fine other players and let myself off for a booking."



Star struck!

POOR Christine Watson, a member of the cast of the West End musical *Evita*, went into London's Regent Park to play a fun game of football — and finished-up injured.

But this was no conventional leg injury caused by a flying boot. Christine's skull seeped blood after a crossbar cracked and fell on her.

She played on after treatment but has sworn never to kick a round ball again — even for charity. Christine was playing for an *Evita* XI against a Jesus Christ Superstar XI in aid of the Help a London Child appeal.

REF'S REVELATION

DEREK NIPPARD, the referee from Christchurch who took charge of the 1978 F.A. Cup Final between Arsenal and Ipswich, has revealed his closely-guarded secret.

He went through a 30-year career in the game despite the loss of a kidney when he was a teenager.

"Few people knew about this, because for obvious reasons I didn't talk about it a lot."

Mr Nippard, 49 on October 16, had an operation for the removal of a kidney when he was doing his National Service with the RAF. He was told then that the kidney had never functioned properly since birth.

Derek had already embarked on his refereeing career in Bournemouth local leagues and after the operation he was soon back in action.

"I had no pain at all."

Nor has he in the intervening years. "I have done my own fitness training, and still go for work-outs with the local referees," he says.

The Cup Final was his last match before retirement at the age of 47.

But he is still very much in touch with football. He is national president of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen.

For Derek Nippard it was a run of celebration for a remarkable personal achievement against all the odds.

TAYLOR'S INSTANT AXE

WHAT has Asa Hartford in common with Peter Bircumshaw, Notts County winger of the Fifties and Sixties? Both were transferred within weeks of their arrival at new clubs.

Asa Hartford left Nottingham Forest just 63 days after his arrival from Manchester City. Peter Taylor, Brian Clough's right hand man at the City Ground, was jointly responsible for his transfer to Everton.

The man behind Bircumshaw's departure within weeks of his arrival at Burton Albion more than a decade ago?

None other than Peter Taylor, who was discovering the art of management in his first job in charge of a club.

Taylor explains: "I let Bircumshaw go in next to no time. Like Asa he didn't give me what I expected and I knew that he wasn't right for Burton."

"With Hartford there is perhaps not an exact similarity, because he is an established Scottish international who should be at his prime as an inventive midfield player, while Bircumshaw's career at Football League level had ended."

ENGLAND meet Spain for the first time for 12 years when they play a full international in Madrid on March 26th.

Clubs help wheelchair victim

TESTIMONIAL funds have been launched at Whitby and Stockport for Jimmy Mulvaney, a former centre forward struck down by a rare disease.

Mulvaney is now confined to a wheelchair at his Sunderland home.

Mulvaney played for Whitby at Wembley in the 1965 F.A. Amateur Cup Final. Even though he was on the losing side to Hendon, that was the greatest thrill of his career.

Jimmy moved into professional football with Hartlepool, Barrow and Stockport, where he finished as first team coach. After taking over as a Workmen's Club steward in his native North-East, he became ill earlier this year.

His three boys all play schools' football. Little acts of kindness cheer him up. Stockport youth club officials made a 300-mile round trip to see him one weekend.

Jimmy says, "I miss going to matches most of all."

Whitby hope to get their old Wembley team together and Stockport plan a testimonial match with an All Star XI.

GEOFF'S TASTY DISH

GEOFF Hurst is on top of the world. A new appointment as caretaker-manager with Chelsea — and now an escort of pretty girls.

Chelsea have decided to woo the fans by feeding them at matches at Stamford Bridge.

They believe that by filling the stomachs of their fans, they will help curb hooliganism at games.

But before the fans have the opportunity to sample the culinary delights that will be taken into the crowd, Geoff Hurst himself decided to taste the fare.

"Delicious," said Geoff, after tucking into a Dutch smoke sausage prepared for him by Janine Van Dijk (holding the tray) and her two colleagues from the Dutch Meat Bureau.

Geoff, one of England's coaches and former manager of Telford, has succeeded Danny Blanchflower at Chelsea.



Unsung Saints Boyer and Holmes

SOUTHAMPTON pair Phil Boyer and Nick Holmes (left) are the two most underrated players in the game.

Saints Irish international centre-half Chris Nicholl reckons Southampton are en route for a return to Europe this year, and adds: "Holmes never gets any of the headlines, but even with all the stars we have on our books, he is the one player we miss most if he is out of the team. His all round play is tremendous, and if he is out we miss him more than anybody."

Of Boyer he says: "Phil is a marvellous target man, and Ted MacDougall can never speak highly enough in praise of him. For me he is the Manchester United type of striker, nimble, on his toes all the time, hard to get the ball from, and a man who never misses a trick."

He adds: "Neither of these two are headline stealers; but they are the two most underrated players I have ever been in contact with."

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Arsenal beat Leeds 7-0 in the Second Round of the League Cup... Here Liam Brady scores pumber five from the spot.

Norwich City top of the table... Trevor Francis unfit and, by all accounts, unpaid... just two of the surprises so far of 1979/80. Gloom for West Brom and Derby, League Cup joy for Arsenal. As usual, the season has

EARLY SHOCKS

thrown up its share of headline news and if some of the personalities making that news seem to have been there before — rest assured they'll be there again!



Both West Brom and Derby had slow starts to the season.



Norwich City inflicted Nottingham Forest's first defeat of 1979-80 when The Canaries won 3-1 at Carrow Road.



Britain's first £1 million player, Trevor Francis, was in the news. Upon returning from Detroit, he was injured and Forest manager Brian Clough apparently stopped Trev's wages.

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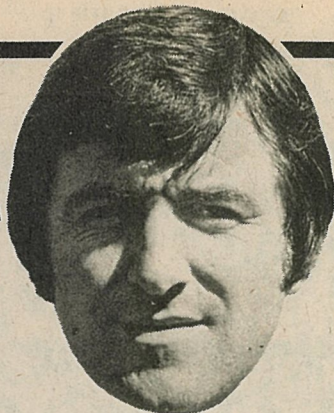
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I SHALL launch my new SHOOT column with the pronouncement that Crystal Palace are ready, willing and able to challenge the might of British football.

That means beating Liverpool, Manchester United, Everton, Nottingham Forest, Arsenal and the other "giants" who have brought football glory to this country.

I must be honest and confess that Palace have been a bit of a joke in the past. We're more than 70 years old, yet don't have great traditions. We have won nothing of real note.

But that was yesterday. Today Palace are bursting with talent and can become one of the strongest clubs in the country.

Study our record since returning to the First Division this season. It's impressive. Everything is geared to winning the First Division title, Cups and getting into European competition.

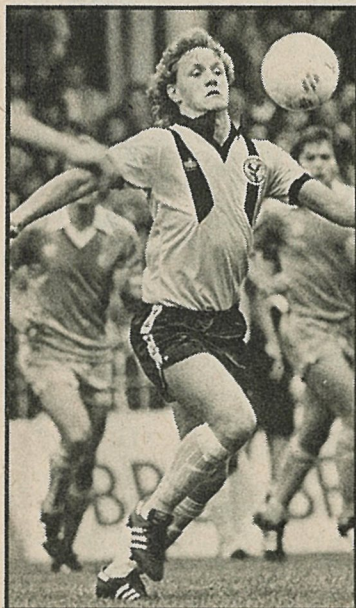
Malcolm Allison started to put the club on the map when he was manager — and I'm trying to carry on the good work with considerable help from my staff and such exciting players as Gerry Francis, Kenny Sansom, Mike Flanagan, Billy Gilbert and others.

'Freeze'

What convinces me we have a winning combination is that our younger players are not overawed when they play against celebrated stars. Nor will they 'freeze' at Anfield, Goodison Park, Old Trafford and Highbury.

Making this club great will not be achieved overnight. We reckon it might take 20 years. That's not to say it will take two decades for Palace to win something, simply that it would take some time to become as respected as them.

I can get the playing staff right but we must win more support through the turnstiles. Our home gates of 28,000 are not good enough. I'm not criticising our



Peter Nicholas

Crystal Palace manager and England coach

TERRY VENABLES

has joined the SHOOT team.

The first of his regular columns this week . . .

'Palace WILL rule England'



Mike Flanagan (left) could become one of the game's top strikers.

loyal fans. My beef is with those who don't come to Selhurst Park. People ask me whether I'll be tempted away from Palace to manage another club. I'm not denying that opportunities have arisen but I have pledged myself to Selhurst Park for the foreseeable future.

Yet anything can happen in football. I remember the pride in pulling on the royal blue Chelsea shirt as a player. "I'm here for life," I used to say. What happened? Tommy Docherty put me on the transfer list and I joined Spurs.

Much of the success achieved by the great English clubs, and by Celtic and Rangers also, is based

on a strong code of discipline. The players' conduct at those clubs is exemplary. The clubs are bigger than individuals.

Well, I'm working to achieve that at Palace. Without discipline, you're dead. I hear stories of "player power" at other clubs and it frightens me. I don't go round with a bull whip and get angry. I give my players the benefit of the doubt — but if they let me down, I'll whack down harder than almost anyone, even to the extent of offering the offending player for transfer. But my lads never let me down.

Our goalkeeper John Burridge,

for instance, is the hardest trainer I've seen. He drives himself to near exhaustion.

And you don't have to tell Kenny Sansom, Palace's captain, Jim Cannon, Ian Walsh, Vince Hilaire and others to work hard. They'll kick a football from dawn to dusk.

Gerry Francis sets a fine example, working like a schoolkid to reach peak fitness after a terrifying run of injuries before his arrival from Q.P.R. He trains in a thermally insulated top to sweat off the pounds he needs to lose.

Francis, as a youngster, had a lot of dash, skill and ability. Now he has enhanced those strengths in midfield with more thought and cunning.

I dislike singling out my players but cannot resist mentioning one or two. Mike Flanagan has the potential to become the best front player in the country. Yes, as good as Dalglish and the rest. He has that 'killer' instinct, never panics near goal and plays beautiful approach football. His understanding with David Swindlehurst or Walsh is developing sweetly.

Kenny Sansom could become the finest left-back England have produced. Better than Bill Eckersley, Roger Byrne, Ray Wilson, Terry Cooper, Emyln Hughes and Mick Mills. His secret is his dedication, allied to sharpness, control, agility and a fine soccer brain.

Peter Nicholas, Terry Fenwick, Billy Gilbert, Jerry Murphy, Vince Hilaire, Sansom, the nucleus of our first team, are, incredibly, only 19 and getting better. That's why Crystal Palace can go all the way to the top — and stay there.

I'll be back in SHOOT's November 3rd issue. Look forward to seeing you then . . .

Terry Venables



Kenny Sansom



ARTHUR ALBISTON— the quiet man of Man. United

ARTHUR Albiston was happy to take a back-seat when he ventured on to Manchester United's training ground in the company of George Best, Bobby Charlton and Denis Law.

They were superstars. He, a mere junior. But United's famous international trio never lauded it over the young full-back or the club's other junior pros. It was a happy "family".

Now, Albiston is a first team regular at Old Trafford and the superstars have gone. He has bridged the gap successfully between Manchester United's junior ranks and First Division duty.

Yet, unlike many of his contemporaries, Albiston remains a quiet man in a pond stocked with some of the biggest fish in football.

But Albiston does not worry unduly about that. Grinning he says: "I don't mind not getting too much attention as long as I'm in the first team."

Hidden away somewhere within that short, sharp sentence is contained the kind of deep ambition and fierce determination that has taken young Albiston all the way from being another Old Trafford young hopeful, to the rightful owner of the first team's number three shirt.

Albiston came up the hard way at the club, through junior, youth and then reserve sides before reaching the first team. He joined the club when he was 15 and is now 22—a seven year span that has seen major changes at Britain's most famous club.

But Albiston still remembers the day he first got down to some hard work on the training ground.

"I was dizzy in the head, seeing all those idols like Charlton, Law and Best training on the same field," he recalls. "But that soon passed. I got used to it and didn't take any notice after a while."

"They were good guys. If you had anything to ask them, they would always try and help."

Albiston made his senior debut in a League Cup-tie against neighbours Manchester City in 1974.

"We won 1-0 even though we were in the Second Division," he recalls. "I was in Scotland with the Scottish youth team just before the match and got a call saying I was needed back at Manchester, because I might have to play."

"I didn't think I'd get in. I thought it was a waste of time going back. Imagine my surprise and pleasure when I was told I was playing. Things went alright once the game started because I felt I had more time on the ball. I was used to the youth team where players ran at you all the time, as soon as you got possession."

"Now, though, I hope I have made the position my own in the first team, although that's not easy to do at a club like United. Once you begin to relax mentally, your form may drop away a little... and you could lose the position."

"I have been trying to improve one basic part of my game. I'm fairly small, about 5ft 7ins, so my heading has never been my greatest asset. But I've worked on that because you can improve a lot with better timing. The experienced players have helped me a lot, men like Gordon McQueen and Martin Buchan."

'Raider'

"I now want to go forward a little more, develop the attacking side of my game. It is a great asset to a side if a full-back can become a supplementary raider down the wing. It means defenders have to move out and mark him and that can leave gaps for strikers in the middle."

"A full-back overlapping is an important part of the modern day game."

Albiston may not be the first name to spring to the mind of most Old Trafford fans, when they talk about the Red Devils. But Albiston does not underestimate the assistance the Old Trafford crowd gives United's players.

"That support inspires any player from the home side," he says. "The United crowds are really good and help us immensely when they're behind the lads."

The future for Albiston and United? "To stay in the first team is my big aim," says the quiet, softly-spoken Scottish lad. "Anything else that comes along after that will be a bonus."

"As for United, we're all optimistic the glory days may be coming back to Old Trafford. Last season we proved we could beat any side in the country, like Liverpool. Now we want the consistency to go with that form and we can start talking about trophies."

New Lives for Old Stars



TREVOR FORD

TREVOR Ford, as sleek and smart as the luxury French and German cars he sells, still follows the clubs he played for during one of the most controversial careers in British post-War football.

His closest interest, however, is with Swansea City the club which launched him into football as a rip-roaring centre-forward capped 38 times. He hardly misses a game at the Vetch Field and his comments about their displays are printed in a local weekly sports newspaper.

Occasionally, he is critical of his hometown team but says: "Overall, you have to admire the atmosphere that has returned there with the success of the last three seasons. Swansea supporters today are just the same as they were in my day, demanding skill and appreciating it when they see it."

Not too much of what he sees elsewhere makes him happy. "Cardiff, who have gone through some very bad years, are winning games again but there is not nearly enough entertainment about their game."

Of Sunderland and Aston Villa, two more of his clubs, he adds: "Sunderland should never be out of the First Division because they are one of football's great clubs with one of the game's greatest followings. Villa need to get themselves sorted out and challenge for honours again."

Still visibly fit at 56, he is sales manager for a major car distributor and confines his football these days to a kick about on the Swansea beaches when he goes for long walks."



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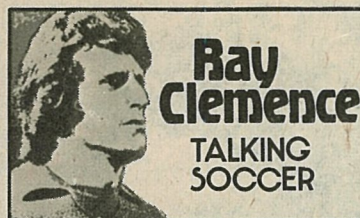
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SUCCESS for a big, glamorous club like Liverpool is measured by major trophies such as the League Championship and the European Cup — but for some clubs it's gaining promotion to the First Division and staying there.

This applies to Bristol City, a club with little tradition and limited resources in the West Country; and much of the credit for establishing them in the First Division — while other more fashionable clubs capable of commanding large followings because of their past achievements and geography, such as Newcastle and Sunderland, languish in the Second Division — is due to their manager Alan Dicks.

All the odds have been against him, yet he has done wonders, and there ought to be a special award for his kind.

It's a tribute to the directors of City that they have stuck by him for many years, when the boards at other clubs have sacked their bosses without granting them the necessary time to develop their ideas.

*'I'll be keeping
a special eye
on Joe Royle'*

Mr Dicks has slowly but surely improved things at Ashton Gate, and people inside and outside the game are accepting City as a First Division club.

His biggest handicap is the lack of money to compete for the players with big fees on their heads. This entails the shrewd purchasing of older players, who still have a lot left to offer, in the lower price ranges. For instance, my former team-mate at Liverpool, Peter Cormack; Norman Hunter from Leeds; and Joe Royle from Manchester City.

All three, through their skills and considerable experience, have paid dividends by helping City to become fit to hold their own in what many believe to be the most competitive League in the World.

Unfortunately, Peter has suffered a recurrence of a knee injury which has kept him out of the team; Norman Hunter has been transferred to Barnsley, where he's teamed up with player-manager Allan Clarke, a former team-mate at Leeds; but Joe Royle is a regular in the line-up.

Although I don't know Mr Dicks personally, observation tells me that he's a straight-dealing, considerate man who commands respect from everyone who comes into contact with him.

He must possess an extraordinary ability to get on with players. It's not

easy to understand and motivate the 16 men who make up the average first team squad, all of them individuals with different, and sometimes conflicting, temperaments.

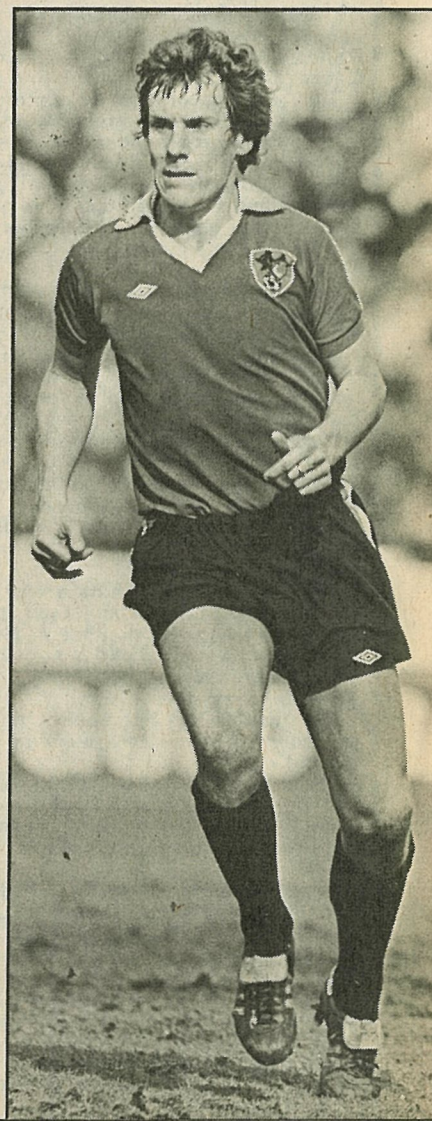
All too often a manager loses his job because although he did well with one set of players, he is unable to communicate with those who succeed them. It's not generally appreciated by "outsiders" how much a team can change in a short space of time. I mentioned in a recent column my realisation that in a game Liverpool played sometime this year I was the sole "survivor" from a team that had played in the corresponding game of a few years ago.

Because City average only moderate gates, it's important to find alternative ways of making the money needed to pay all the expenses, and Mr Dicks has come up with some very novel ways of fund-raising.

Perhaps his most successful was a competition between teams entitled "All in the Game", where the players displayed their various skills, and which formed a fascinating TV series.

The only drawback to this kind of activity is that it inflicts extra wear and tear on the pitch, and consequently it was not amongst the best in the Division.

However, I believe that after being "rested" in the close season it



'Two managers I admire for a special reason'



'Alan Dicks and John Bond have established their clubs in the First'

has improved considerably.

City are what I call a "homely" club, with a pleasant atmosphere and fans who are not as fanatical as those who support clubs in the big centres, such as Liverpool, Manchester and London, but who are loyal, appreciate good football from the opposition as well as their home team, and are generally responsible and well-behaved.

Basically, City's supporters don't expect them to win the top honours, and are content with First Division football. Probably the best they hope for is for their team to earn the right to play in a European competition.

Signs looked favourable at one time last season, but the club struck a bad patch which ensured they finished below the qualifying level. Perhaps this season, though?

The only other manager in the First I'd parallel with Mr Dicks is John Bond of Norwich City, another backwater club that has surprisingly succeeded in establishing itself among the best company.

Mr Bond is almost the complete opposite of Mr Dicks, being outspoken and continuously featured in the newspapers and on TV. He has been instrumental in forming a managers' union in order to promote their status, and provide them with certain safeguards.

I don't always agree with Mr Bond, but I fully support this move, especially as I'm beginning to

change my mind about my future when my playing days are ended. Since signing a four-year contract with Liverpool which ties me to the club until I'm 35, I've decided to reconsider my intention not to go into managership. The prospect now attracts me.

The managers' union should in time ensure that its members enjoy greater security. The job will always entail a high degree of risk, but the present turnover of managers is unfair, and also bad for the game.

So often a manager is given the bullet prematurely, when time would have allowed him to pull a team out of a bad patch.

Both Bristol City and Norwich have benefited from their managers being backed by the directors in good times and bad.

John Bond has the finest of credentials, having played at West Ham under Ron Greenwood, now the England manager, and learning from him. He graduated from the "Upton Park Academy of Football Science" along with Malcolm Allison, now manager of Manchester City, and Dave Sexton, Manchester United boss.

Most managers were defenders, and he operated as a full-back.

He has played a big part in the development of Norwich into a club now held in high regard by the rest of the First Division.

Like Alan Dicks, he can only write cheques with a limited number of noughts, so he has to buy carefully and comparatively cheaply.

Among the crop of youngsters under his guidance is his own son, Kevin Bond. This could be an embarrassing situation, yet his courage and conviction in playing his son in the team has been justified by the lad's performances. Kevin scored both goals in the 2-1 win over Leeds in late August.

The truly outstanding youngster at Norwich, with all respect to young Bond, is another Kevin — Kevin Reeves, much sought-after by bigger, richer clubs.

Around a million pounds was offered by Manchester City for Kevin, and despite the temptation the Norwich directors endorsed Mr Bond's rejection.

There's nothing more soul-destroying for a manager in the process of building a team capable of winning things than when a vital cornerstone is sold off because the directors have had an offer they feel they cannot refuse.

When that happens a possible

outcome is that the team deteriorates and the manager loses his job!

It must have been a great boost for Mr Bond when Norwich got off to the tremendous start this season that could at last bring them the opportunity of playing in Europe.

On their visit to Anfield on September 22nd they took a point from us!

And now this Saturday, October 6th, we entertain Norwich's counterparts from the West Country, Bristol City, at Anfield, knowing they'll also give us a hard game.

The man I'll be keeping an eye on is Joe Royle, who played in many a memorable ding-dong derby game against us with Everton.

On our last visit to Ashton Gate, Joe scored the goal that inflicted on us one of the four League defeats we suffered last season.

He'll never convince me he didn't mis-hit the ball! I'd have saved it if it had gone where he'd intended!

Bristol City, like most visitors, are certain to concentrate on defence, with the intention of frustrating us and then striking on a sudden break. So patience must be our watchword.

We can't afford to give away any more points. The Championship must stay at Anfield.



'Our players must learn to use the human-body machine'

FEW British footballers, and that includes the top stars, ever operate at one hundred-per-cent efficiency. The reason is not that they lack ball skills and control, although both could often be improved.

The reason is simply they do not know how that marvellous machine — the human body — works.

If you don't know how a machine works, how can you control it and make it work efficiently? I have seen top stars try the same body movements in tight situations that they try when they have acres of space. That can't be sensible.

Remember that Puskas goal against England at Wembley in 1953? Billy Wright, who was marking him at the time, still refers to it as "impossible". There was no room to score.

The Press got it wrong by claiming it resulted from supreme ball control. That's rubbish. It resulted from supreme body control in a very tight situation. The body movement made room for the ball skill to operate.

Our greatest handicap is our military history. My generation were taught to sit up straight, to stand erect, to attention — all advice, which is guaranteed to produce unnatural habits of posture and movement.

When Muhammad Ali rises from a chair, it is one perfect, gliding movement. I once talked to him all afternoon. In a flash, while sitting, he could have delivered a knock-out blow or avoided one.

The Brazilians, like Pele, Gerson and Rivelino, are a perfect example on the soccer field. They lope

says **MALCOLM ALLISON**, in this article he wrote specially for **SHOOT**.

Stan Matthews would 'ghost' past defenders.

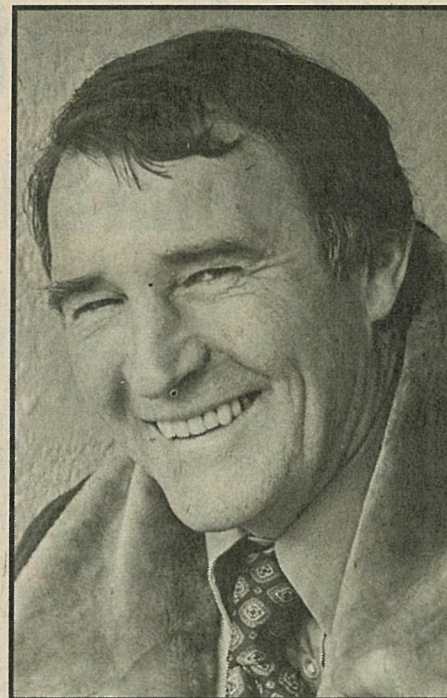
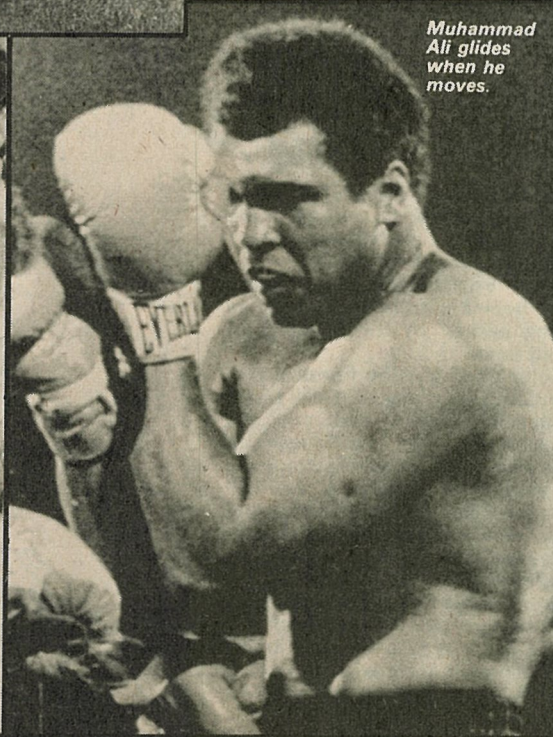


along, as if their limbs were made of rubber, then explode into action. You can't see the change take place.

But you can see two distinct movements when our players try the same thing. Their superb body control enables them to get through packed defences like shadows.

One of the best examples in English football was Stanley Matthews. Again the Press used to wax eloquent about his "ball control". How can ball control allow you to escape when the full-back has you trapped against the corner

Muhammad Ali glides when he moves.



flag? There's no room for ball control.

Matthews used to "ghost" past the full-back in these situations, because he knew just what his body was capable of doing.

If there was less room his body had to operate that much more efficiently. They said he had only one move but applied a hundred variations to it. That was true, if they meant body movement. But they were always missing the point by referring to ball control.

Living proof of my theory in contemporary football is Sunderland's Bryan "Pop" Robson. He's no youngster now, but he could still show many kids a thing or two in efficiency of movement.

"Pop" used to be a moderate footballer. Then his father-in-law, Lennie Hebbell, who had made a lifelong study of the human body and its possibilities, took him in hand.

Effectively

When Lennie had finished, he had transformed his son-in-law and people talked about the "new" Robson. They should have talked about the wiser Robson, who knew what his body was capable of. Nobody can change the body that he has, but we can all learn to use it much more effectively.

So, when people ask me how we can improve our football, this is what I tell them. A lot of them don't believe me, but that doesn't make it any less true, and I've given you **SHOOT** readers the proof here.

Fitness and ball control will make a footballer good. If he wants to enter the class of the greats, he must acquire body knowledge and practise body control.

Brazilians like Rivelino lope as if their legs are rubber.



SOMETHING about "condemned men eating hearty breakfasts" ran through my mind as we Celtic players tucked into an early morning meal on September 18.

We had gathered in an hotel near to Glasgow's airport the previous evening to ensure a prompt departure for a trip to Albania where we took on Partizani Tirana in the First Round, first-leg of our European Cup challenge, but alas lost 1-0.

You will have heard all sorts of tales about our amazing experiences in that strange and distant land but in my next Tartan Talk I will give you the full unexpurgated version of our incredible journey.

In the meantime let me say that I am delighted Celtic decided to go when at one point it looked as if we might pull out because of the Albanian refusal to grant visas to the Scottish Press.

Our chairman Mr Desmond White admitted we were going under protest but that he had taken the decision to travel because of the work the players had put into winning the Scottish League Championship last season.

And it can't be denied either that we must have one eye on the Second Round and a possible glamour tie.



But let me add how disappointed I am in U.E.F.A. who I feel really let down Celtic and all countries who believe in freedom of travel. They set the Albanians a stack of deadlines in the visa war... and allowed them to break every one. I thought it was disgraceful.

'U.E.F.A. let down' Celtic

Still on the international football front and on the subject of disappointment, Scotland can't be overjoyed with the fact that we failed to get revenge over Peru in the friendly match at Hampden.

Peru were the nation of course who put an end to our World Cup hopes in last summer's Argentinian Finals. So when they flew

from South America to Glasgow for just one match, they must have been confident of another good result.

As it was Scotland played them off the park... but yet again showed that old Scots failing. Inability to put the ball in the back of the net.

It was disappointing that we missed so many chances, especially in the first half hour when Jock Stein's men were absolutely magic. Peru were on the rack and we let them off it, including a missed penalty by John Wark.

They sensed Scotland were not

going to run up a barrowload of goals and they improved by it.

Playing Peru was a good fixture for Scotland because they have a lot to teach us. Possibly it is the Scottish — and English — fans who need educating.

They have little patience when it comes to teams holding on to the ball and moving it across the pitch

and even back to the goalkeeper. But that is wrong. Too many supporters want to see their team get the ball upfield as quickly as possible.

Peru though were content to hold on to the ball and move it about. And when they did lose possession they funnelled back and did not attempt to tackle until Scotland were 30-40 yards out.

No one should be able to score from that distance in normal circumstances and as long as the defender blocks any possible shot, the situation is under control.

However there was a lot of good football played by Scotland too. Kenny Dalglish was brilliant although I don't go along with those who say it was his best ever game for his country.

Kenny has played well when the critics have slayed him.

John Robertson was magic and with Davie Cooper on the right-wing and Arthur Graham on the bench, it just goes to prove that once again Scotland is rich in wing talent.

Congratulations

Still with the international squad reminds me to send my congratulations to Andy Gray on that incredible £1½ million transfer to Wolves from Villa.

As well as being a SHOOT colleague, Andy and I went to the same school in Glasgow although I have to concede a small age difference to the boy!

It is no secret that I think the transfer market in England has gone berserk and I fail to see how any player can be worth that kind of cash... but if these kind of prices must be paid then I think Andy is the best buy in the £1 million club.

He is young and talented — and most important of all he scores goals.

But the man with the biggest smile on his face while all this transfer madness goes on must be Bob Paisley, the Liverpool boss.

I reckon he could sell Kenny Dalglish and settle the national debt.

See you in two weeks when I will take you inside Albania.

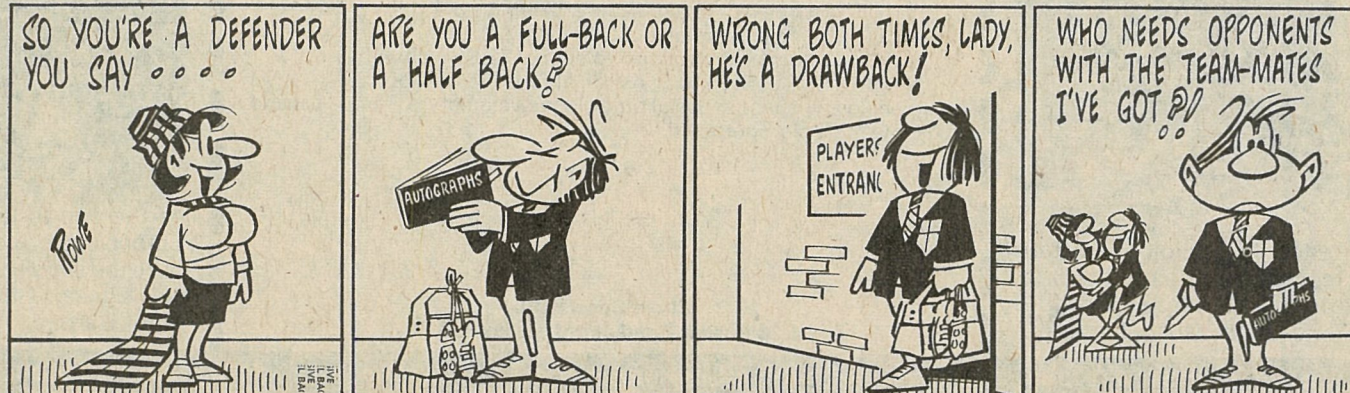
Danny McGrain



John Wark fails to convert a golden opportunity for Scotland. His penalty-kick was saved in the clash with Peru.

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Despite the transfer rumours...

PAUL HEGARTY IS

'Staying at Dundee United'



FOLLOWING the recent £400,000 transfer of Dundee United's Raymond Stewart to West Ham United, fears have been expressed by their club supporters that Scottish international Paul Hegarty would be the next player to leave Tannadice.

The rumours have now been dispelled for all time with manager Jim McLean announcing that Hegarty has just signed a new long term contract with Dundee United which will take the player well into his 30's.

The 24-year-old pivot is delighted with his new agreement. "I enjoy playing for Dundee United," he said. "They are a great club, and nothing would delight me more than to play out my football career at Tannadice."

No comment has been made regarding the financial side of the deal, or of the exact length of the contract. But judging from Paul's enthusiasm, it is obvious that he has reached an agreement with the club which guarantees him a secure footballing future.

Manager Jim McLean is very enthusiastic about the new agreement.

"Paul Hegarty deserves some reward, not only for his performances for the club, but for his loyalty as well. He has established himself as an international, and is

without any doubt, one of the finest players in Scotland."

This new move can be regarded as part of the manager's ambitious plans to make Dundee United the top team in Scotland. He has always made it quite clear that he does not sign young players just to transfer them to other clubs.

"If you want to be the best, you must have the best players available, and you don't get that by transferring them."

Paul Hegarty cost Dundee United £40,000 when they obtained his transfer from Hamilton Accies in 1974.

He was signed as a goalscoring forward, but two seasons ago was converted into an international class centre-half when McLean switched him from attack into defence.

A great favourite at Tannadice, Paul has been out of action in the early part of this season following a cartilage operation.

As a result, he was not considered for selection in Scotland's team for the game against Peru. He was not forgotten, however, and was invited to join the Scottish squad as a "guest" by manager Jock Stein.

This seems to indicate that he is part of Scotland's plans for the future.

And through Paul Hegarty, Dundee United are certain they will be represented in Scotland's next World Cup team.

When only two fans turned up at Airdrie

AIRDRIE manager Bobby Watson looked at his side and said: "We were a little slack in defence and we let things go a bit at one stage..."

Would you believe Watson, obviously a perfectionist, had just watched his young side knock in its tenth goal in two games yet he was not entirely satisfied.

Airdrie walloped Ayr United, promotion favourites, 6-2 in a mid-week League fixture, and followed this up with a sparkling 4-1 victory over the uncompromising Arbroath at Broomfield.

"When you are winning it is every bit as important and constructive to criticise as it is when you are losing," says the likeable Watson.

His most difficult battle since taking over as manager of Airdrie two years ago has been to win back the fans. People may say that followers of the Old Firm are the most fickle. Hearts fans, too, have an intimidating reputation, but critics will assure you that the Airdrie support can be a whole new experience.

The Broomfield ground is tight and just about every jeer and boo is amplified. There are many Airdrie players who have been tongue-lashed by the unhappy Airdrie fans who demand to see a team worthy of a place in the Premier Division.



Manager Bobby Watson

Ralph Collins, Ian McMillan and Jackie Stewart didn't last long under the torrent of abuse and pressure from the Airdrie fans before Watson, who has a thriving business outside football, decided to have a go in the hot seat.

Airdrie fans may watch a different class of football than the supporters of Celtic, Rangers, Liver-

pool, Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and the like, but their main aim is identical... they want their favourites to be triumphant.

"The fans are all important, of course," says Watson. "They must have their say and we as a club must have a rapport with our supporters."

Shortly after taking over Airdrie, Watson was so sick and tired of the continual barracking of his players from the fans that he had an open day at Broomfield one Sunday morning.

He invited the fans to come round to the ground. He wanted to talk it over with them man to man and he arrived a little apprehensive for the showdown.

Watson should not have bothered. Only two fans turned up where over a thousand had plenty to say at the previous day's game!

The former Rangers and Motherwell player, a totally professional and thorough individual who never shirked a 50-50 tackle, is however, at last winning the fans over to his way of thinking.

He wants them to be construc-

tive rather than destructive. He has made no false promises, but realises an awful lot of work remains to be done before Airdrie can go anywhere near the heat of the Top Ten.

Watson, though, was more than a little interested to see how his team would shape up to Premier Division Dundee United when they met in the League Cup earlier in the season.

After losing the first goal, the players and fans rallied round and they managed to win 2-1 in the first-leg. Alas, for Airdrie, they went down 2-0 at Tannadice.

It was an experience, though, for Watson and his team. He is building a new side and has given them the initiative to go forward.

Skipper and striker Sandy Clarke has been watched by a host of clubs recently as has the versatile John Lapsley. Former Scotland international 'keeper Ernie McCarr has taken over in goal and taken on a new lease of life.

Yes, it's quite easy to see why Airdrie fans are smiling again. Manager Bobby Watson is determined to keep them happy.

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**'I'd rather
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CESAR
MENOTTI
(Argentina)**

MENOTTI: Yes, I know I'm being criticised quite a lot in Argentina now because we've been eliminated from the South American Championship by Brazil and Bolivia. But it's my big opportunity to try out new players. We automatically qualify for the 1982 World Cup, so we'll have no competitive qualifying matches, and therefore I've been making the most of trying out youngsters against quality opposition like Brazil. If I'm going to make mistakes, I'd sooner make them in 1979 than in 1982.

COUTINHO: I'm not so convinced about the advisability of making such sweeping changes as you have — that's why I've relied on experienced players for the South American Championship. Your 1978 win has given you margin for error, because the Press and the fans will forgive you for a few defeats. But my top priority now is to restore the Brazilian people's confidence after our failure last year.

MENOTTI: I don't know that Brazil have got a lot to prove on the international scene. Frankly, I reckon that if Brazil and Argentina played a series of matches against the top ten other teams in the world, we'd win at least eight of them. For me, and for countless others, Brazilian football has always been a source of inspiration — we've all learnt from watching their sides. I certainly appreciate that it's important to have complete faith in your own footballing traditions, and not to try and change your national characteristics. Both countries must now start looking to the 1982 World Cup. Don't forget that this time we'll have to travel to Europe, which will make things more difficult for both of us — and I can't emphasise too much that Argentina's 1978 win is now purely history. We must begin a completely new preparation programme. I know that on the field of play Argentina and Brazil are bitter rivals, but we have a lot of things in common and both of us have similar concepts of how football should be played. So it's our responsibility to defend these ideas in Spain.

COUTINHO: At the moment, we've reached a point in the development of Brazilian football where we have to look closely at individual skills and decide whether they are productive for the team as a whole. There's no doubt that a



Menotti (left) and Coutinho discuss tactics further.

RIO de Janeiro in the middle of a typically warm Brazilian winter. In houses and bars the people are packed round their televisions for three-and-a-half hours of solid football. But not a ball is kicked. There's no match. It's a chat show with just two participants: Brazil manager Claudio Coutinho and Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti.

The publicity had built up the programme as a confrontation between two arch-enemies and an estimated audience of 40 million were waiting for the sparks to fly.

In the event, Coutinho and Menotti found themselves agreeing on several basic facets of football. Here are some of the things they said . . .



BACK ROW: Toninho, Leão, Amaral, Edinho, Paulo César Carpeggiani, Junior.
FRONT ROW: Brazilian trainer, Tita, Batista, Sócrates, Zico, Ze Sérgio.



BACK ROW: Passarella, Coscia, van Tuyne, Vidallé, Ocaño, Bordón.
FRONT ROW: Gallego, Gaspari, Fortunato, Bochini, Roberto Díaz.

skilful player who also pulls his weight in terms of teamwork is a tremendous asset, and this is the type of player we must always be looking for. At the moment there

are several players in Brazil who could be international superstars. Sócrates, for example, must be one of the best players in the world at the moment, capable of

**'I must restore
confidence
after our
1978 failure'
CLAUDIO
COUTINHO
(Brazil)**

breaking down any defence with his one-touch play. Falcão has reached an excellent level. And at left-back, Junior of my club Flamengo, has had a fantastic season. Then of course there's Zico. What can I say about a player who's broken all the goalscoring records this year? His team-mates at Flamengo say that he's "in a state of inspiration."

MENOTTI: The fundamental thing in a national team is to create a real family, and that's why I like to observe my players in a wide variety of situations both on and off the field. After five years in charge of the Argentina team, I can tell you that Daniel Passarella is without doubt the man who has best captured the spirit of the new style of Argentinian football. Of course, everyone asks me about Diego Maradona these days — "is he really the new Pelé?" Well, the day that Maradona has scored 1,250 goals, won three World Cups, more than 20 Championships and has brought crowds to their feet all over the world, that'll be the day when we can say he's the new Pelé. To be honest, our biggest problem in Argentina is still that so many players go abroad. If we're really to defend our ideas about football, we've got to secure our future by keeping the young players in the country. That's why we're doing so much work with young players at the moment, and my plan is to produce a squad of about 40 players at the beginning of next year and to work towards 1982 with these 40. We've also got a good programme of international matches against top-class opposition so that they can continue to gain top-level experience. This is what we've got to do if we're to keep Argentina ahead of the others.

COUTINHO: In Brazil we've got more immediate priorities. The South American Championship is very important for us because the Brazilian people have got used to winning things and we need another trophy to restore our confidence. I think we're on the right track at the moment, and we've also got interesting plans for 1980 — including some games against first-class European opposition. In fact, if things go according to plan, we could have matches next April or May against Italy, Austria, West Germany and Scotland which will, of course, allow our new players to acquire some very valuable experience.

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Leeds/Torquay

Is it right that Torquay played Leeds back in the 1950's? If so, what was the score?

**S. BROOKING,
PAIGNTON**

● Yes, it happened in the F.A. Cup Third Round in the 1954-55 season.

Torquay held Leeds to a 2-2 draw at Elland Road — and then walloped them 4-0 in the home replay.

In the following round, though, Torquay were beaten 1-0 at home by Huddersfield — in front of their still record gate of 21,908.

Beaten by a coin

Is it true Liverpool were once knocked-out of a European tie on the toss of a coin?

**JOHN O'DONOVAN,
EIRE**

● No — but they once knocked their opponents out that way!

It happened in the Quarter-Finals of the European Cup in 1964-65.

Liverpool were paired with 1FC Cologne, and neither leg produced a single goal. As a play-off in neutral Rotterdam

also ended all-square at 2-2, the clubs had to toss for it — there were no penalty-kick deciders then — and Liverpool called right.

They didn't progress any further, though — Inter-Milan beating them 4-3 on aggregate in the Semi-Finals and going on to win the Cup.

Brothers

Has there ever been a case of two pairs of brothers playing for the same international side in the same match?

**J. TAYLOR,
CROYDON**

● Yes, there has — and, what's more, they did it three times.

John and Mel Charles, and Ivor and Len Allchurch, played together in full internationals for Wales against Northern Ireland (Belfast, 20th April, 1955); against Israel (Tel Aviv, 15th January, 1958); and against Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, 12th May, 1962).

West

Ham/Olympiakos

I'm a keen fan of both West Ham in England, and Olympiakos back here,

and would like to know what happened when they once met in a European tie?

**NICK KATIFORIS,
GREECE.**

● It occurred in the Second Round of the Cup-Winners' Cup in 1965-66, Nick — when West Ham were the current holders.

The Hammers won 4-0 at home, and then held on for a 2-2 draw in Greece to run out winners on a 6-2 aggregate.

Incidentally, West Ham's two away goals were scored by Martin Peters — who, 14 years later, is still playing brilliantly in the First Division with Norwich.

SHORT PASSES

● In the final stages of the 1974 World Cup, ultimate winners West Germany were earlier beaten 1-0 by East Germany in a Group match.

(DAVID ARMSTRONG, Antrim)

● Sir Stanley Matthews was "Footballer of the Year" 15 seasons apart — 1947-48 and 1962-63. He was "European Footballer of the Year" for 1956.

(CARL SHORT, Bath)

● Swansea's record gate is 32,796 (v. Arsenal; F.A. Cup Fourth Round; 17th February, 1968).

(ALUN EVANS, Caernarvon)

● Manchester United's Duncan Edwards died in hospital on 21st February, 1958, 15 days after the Munich air disaster in which he was so severely injured.

(JACQUELINE MILLAR, Belfast)

Home victory

Apart from Liverpool, at Wembley in 1978, have any clubs won a European Champions Cup Final in their own country?

**NICHOLAS MAYHEW,
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.**

● Yes, Nicholas, though it's only happened three more times in the 24 Finals.

In 1957, Real Madrid beat Fiorentina 2-0 in Madrid; in 1965, Inter-Milan beat Benfica 1-0 in Milan; and, in 1968, Manchester United beat Benfica 4-1 at Wembley.

● TV's Bob Wilson played twice for Scotland — against Portugal and Holland in 1971-72.

**(ANDREW SUNDERLAND,
Caford)**

● Bill Shankly was appointed manager of Liverpool on 1st December, 1959, and retired from the post on 12th July, 1974. His last signing was Ray Kennedy from Arsenal.

(DENIS KIRBY, Eire)

● Colin Bell's only League clubs were Bury and Manchester City. He played 48 times for England, scoring nine goals.

(ANDREW LYALLE, Bristol)

● Denis Howell, MP, the former Sports Minister, was once a Football League referee.

(JANET DUNCAN, Beverley)

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Stoke's CYRIL LEA is still welcome at Ipswich



HOW often in football today do you hear rival supporters united in one loud chorus?

Yet that was the remarkable scene that greeted Stoke City's new chief coach Cyril Lea when he returned to Ipswich, where he spent 15 years as player and coach, soon after the season kicked-off.

As he made his way to the away dug-out for a change, Cyril stopped to shake hands and acknowledge the warm applause of the long-serving Ipswich fans, while both sets of supporters sang: "There's only one Cyril Lea".

It was an impressive show of support for someone who has spent most of his career in the background, first assisting Bill McGarry, at Ipswich, and then, after a ten-week spell as caretaker manager, teaming-up with current manager Bobby Robson.

Indeed, the Robson-Lea partnership had worked so well for more than ten years that it wasn't only the Ipswich fans who were puzzled by his shock departure on the eve of the new season.

Robson said: "It's one of these things. I felt I had to promote reserve coach Bobby Ferguson but the way things have turned out Cyril has found a good job and I'm sure he will do well."

Lea left with a golden handshake, but was clearly bitter about the decision. "I didn't want to go," he said, "but I was left with little choice."

It is doubtful, though, whether he could have landed a better job than as right-hand man to fellow Welshman Alan Durban, who has done such a good job in guiding Stoke back into the big-time.

"That's true," admits Lea. "I've known Alan for many years and he's someone I know I can work with. We have similar views on the game and I'm looking forward to the challenge of this job."

"Stoke have just returned to the First Division and I mean to play my part in keeping them there. It's the only place to be in football and we can't afford to lose our place."

"I've been impressed with the Stoke set-up since I arrived. It's a progressive club and the attitude of the players is very encouraging. They are aware of their limitations and know they've got to work hard."

"There's a good spirit about the

place. Everyone wants to do well and although there are certainly stronger squads in the First Division I think we'll be good enough to finish around the middle and maybe have a run in one of the Cup competitions. That wouldn't be bad for our first season back, would it?"

Lea, who has turned down more opportunities than he can recall to become a manager, was a latecomer to the professional game. It was while he was playing for the Welsh amateur international side against England that he was spotted and eventually signed by Leyton Orient.

That was in 1957 when he was 21 and he spent seven happy years at Brisbane Road, four of them as skipper, before the then Ipswich boss Bill McGarry bought him. He was soon captaining the side and had four years as a player before turning to coaching.

Similar

It was during his spell at Leyton Orient that Alan Durban first noticed him. "Cyril and Mal Lucas were a great pair of wing-halves," recalls the Stoke boss, who himself filled a similar role with Derby.

"One thing that really attracted me about Cyril was that on the day I discovered he might be available I spoke to him and he said 'If you want me I'll come tomorrow'."

"When I work with people they must be enthusiastic. I must be able to see them as friends."

In addition to his duties at Stoke, of course, Lea is very much involved in the international scene as coach to the Welsh squad.

"Mike Smith's done a great job for Wales, not only in terms of results but also in stimulating interest in the game at all levels," says Lea.

It wasn't a happy return to Ipswich for Lea saw his new side lose 3-1. He said ruefully: "It would have been nice to win, of course, but because it would have meant two points for Stoke."

"I left a very good squad behind at Ipswich and I think they should be in the hunt for at least one of the big honours. But from now on Stoke are the team that matter and I'll be concentrating on the future with them instead of thinking about what might have been."

BILL TAYLOR has the freedom of Oldham

BILL Taylor put the clock back seven years when he moved in as assistant-manager of Oldham during the close season.

He found himself in the same position he was in at Fulham when he became chief coach at Craven Cottage in 1972.

Taylor, one of England's coaches, is given complete freedom to work with the players by Oldham boss Jimmy Frizzell.

Alec Stock gave Bill the same licence at Fulham — and between them they took the Craven Cottage club to the 1975 F.A. Cup Final, where they lost 2-0 to West Ham.

Everyone at Boundary Park will be delighted if Taylor manages to repeat that fine achievement — one that looks out of the question at the moment.

Taylor accepts that Oldham are hardly ranked as one of the game's glamour clubs. But that did not stop him marching in there boldly when the offer came.

"They say Oldham are one of the less glamorous clubs, who have to operate on a tight budget. But you get a hell of a lot of satisfaction if you can do a good job at a place like this," he claims.

"They said that Fulham were good only for laughs when I went there and nobody ever expected them to get among the honours."

"That was to be proved wrong — and I see no reason why the same thing should not happen at Oldham."

"It's very much a Fulham situation I find myself in right now. Alec Stock gave me complete freedom to get on with the job my way and Jimmy Frizzell is doing the same."

"So if anything should go wrong I will have no one to blame but myself."

Frizzell's offer to Taylor to become his assistant and chief coach came right out of the blue.

In fact Taylor was deep in negotiations with another club, believed to be West Bromwich Albion, when Frizzell rang him.

"I'd more or less agreed to join this other club. My mind was practically made up — then Oldham came in," he explains.

"I needed no time at all to decide to go to Boundary Park. For we were still living in Manchester, following my parting with City soon after Malcolm Allison returned. So it meant I would not have to move house."

Management

"And the Oldham job also offered the opportunity to get in on the management side."

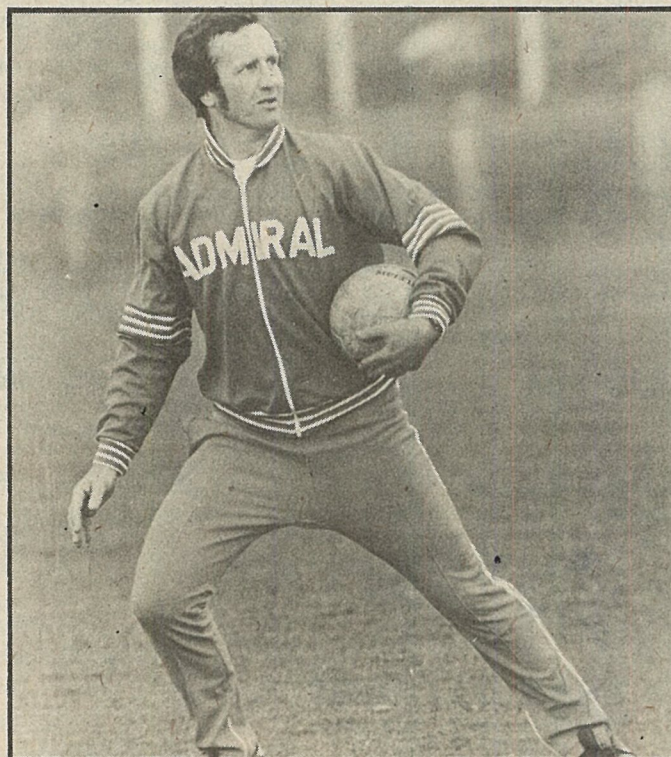
"I've had a few offers since leaving Manchester City. But all were for coaching jobs — none carried the title assistant-manager."

"And in addition I've always got on well with Jimmy. He's a nice guy who would never do anyone a bad turn."

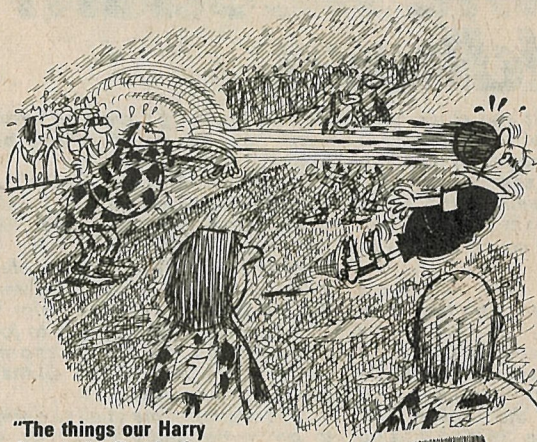
One thing Taylor insisted on before taking the Oldham job was a guarantee he would be released to join up with England for all internationals.

And Oldham, recognising it is an honour for them as well, were quick to agree.

So keep an eye on The Latics this season. If Taylor repeats his Fulham exploits they could make a few of us sit up and take notice.



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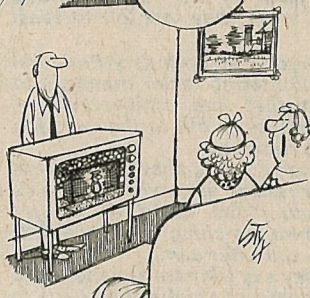
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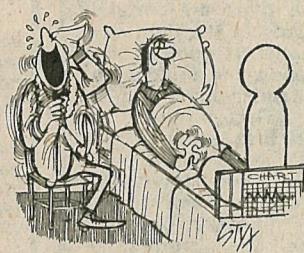
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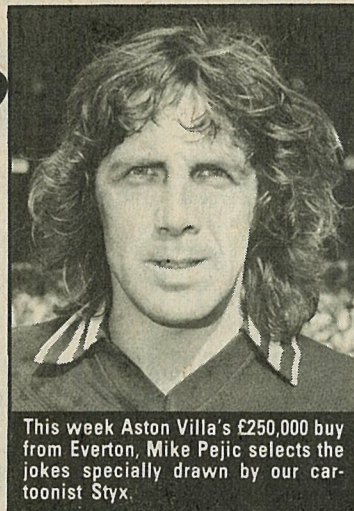
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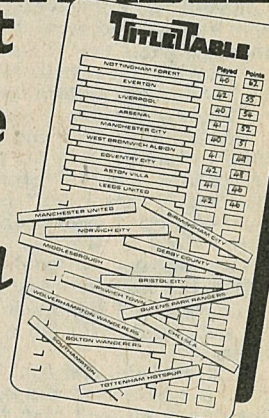
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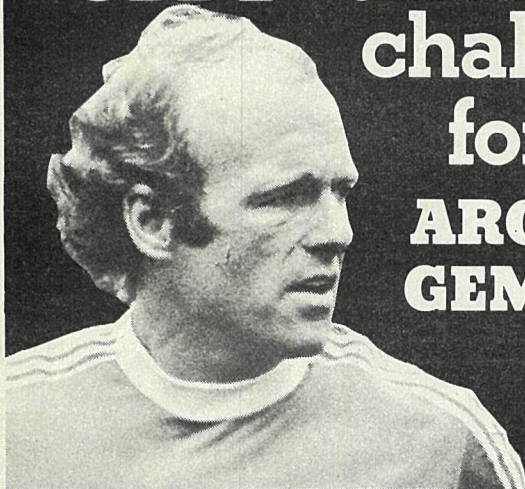
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BIRMINGHAM CITY~ another challenge for ARCHIE GEMMILL



THREE League Championship, one League Cup winners and a European Cup winners' medal, are all trophies safely tucked away by Archie Gemmill, Birmingham City's £160,000 August signing from Nottingham Forest.

Now the tiny Scottish international faces another challenge — that of trying to skipper Blues back to the First Division at the first attempt.

It is no secret that Gemmill was bought by the St Andrews club for his experience and leadership just as much as for his ability. But what made Archie choose Blues?

"I'd been offered a few player-manager's jobs," he says, "but I was loathe to take them on at the age of 32.

"I live in Derby and Birmingham was the only club near enough to my home without having to move. I was very determined and everything was ideal."

Blues were desperate for a leader and Archie fitted the bill as captain. "It's a job that doesn't worry me at all," he says. "I've captained Derby, Forest and Scotland. Some people get worried and it seems to put extra responsibility or pressure on their shoulders. Not me."

Gemmill has found Second Division football very much kick and rush. "In the First most teams play through the midfield, but in the Second most teams don't. It's just the long ball punted hopefully from the back to the front. There's not much constructive play at all."

Archie is fostering a fine midfield relationship with former West Ham player Alan Curbishley.

"Alan's taking a little time to settle in. He's been used to playing with West Ham and they're far from a kick and rush team."

"When we played at Cardiff the ball was in the air for 99 per cent of the game. Alan and myself spent 89 minutes looking up in the air."

"I've not been impressed with the teams we've played and that gives me great hope for the future. If we can just get ourselves together, I'm sure we can win promotion."

"Team boss, Jim Smith, didn't say anything different to me than he would have done to anybody else. He was buying me to do a job for Birmingham City."

"I think there's enough talent in the ranks. Jeff Wealands in goal is playing exceptionally well. Mark Dennis is a very impressive full-back. Terry Lees played at right-back in our game against Bristol Rovers, but he was out of position because he's really a sweeper. Nevertheless, his performance was first class."

"You can look through the team and you'll not find a bad player. Jim Smith has also got Don Givens, Pat Van Den Hauwe and Jimmy Calderwood fighting for contention."

Archie, born in Paisley, began his career with Drumchapel Amateurs at the age of 14. At 17 he went to St Mirren. In July, 1967 he signed for Preston for £16,000 and Derby bought him in September, 1970 for £60,000. Whilst at the Baseball Ground, Archie won the first of his many Scottish caps against Belgium.

He won his first League Championship medal in season 1971-72, a feat repeated in 1974-75.

Tankard

In September, 1977, Archie moved to Forest for £130,000 and further honours. At the end of that season he won his third League Championship medal and last term collected a League Cup winners tankard when Forest beat Southampton.

Malmo were beaten in the European Cup Final and Archie pocketed a medal, although he was on the sub's bench.

He is often thought of as a midfield player who will run all day. "People get the impression the only thing I can do is run," he says, "but I think I can do more than that. I'm creative and set up chances for other people."

Archie can also score goals like the one he notched in the Argentinian World Cup Finals when Scotland beat Holland 3-2. Would Gemmill put that as his most memorable? "Just because it was seen by so many people you take it as your most memorable," he says. "But I think any goal you score is always remembered."

"I've enjoyed my life in football. There's no one thing that means anything special to me."

"Obviously I'd love Birmingham to win promotion this season and that's the only thing I'm looking forward to at the moment."

The bet LES LAWRENCE aims to win

TORQUAY United's goalscoring charts were topped last season by their giant black striker Les Lawrence who notched 19 — but United's gain may have been cricket's loss.

When Wolverhampton-born Les was at school he earned a reputation as an all round sportsman and represented Staffordshire schools at cricket.

Not surprisingly he was a fast bowler and with his height of 6ft 3in he must have been a fearsome sight bearing down on apprehensive batsmen.

Les never pursued cricket as a career, however, and is now concentrating on frightening opposing Fourth Division defences. "I played a lot of sports at school but soccer has always been my main one," said Les during a break in training at Plainmoor.

"When I was about 13 I played centre-half for a while but I'd rather be up-front where the glamour is, and I'm very happy here at Torquay."

Long term

Les married Jane from nearby Newton Abbot during the summer and he is clearly regarded as part of the Devon club's long term future by United manager Mike Green.

Mike is happy with the progress being made by his 22-year-old top scorer but he is anxious that the young striker should keep his feet on the ground.

"I want to keep knocking the lad into shape because he is still learning his trade. But he is working hard at his game," said Mike who snapped-up Les 18 months ago after he had failed to make an impact at Shrewsbury.

"Our policy here is to give a chance to players even if they have not made the grade elsewhere and Les is one of the first to come through from that policy. His strength is in his height and ability to get above defenders. Now he must work on his basic control and appreciation of the game."

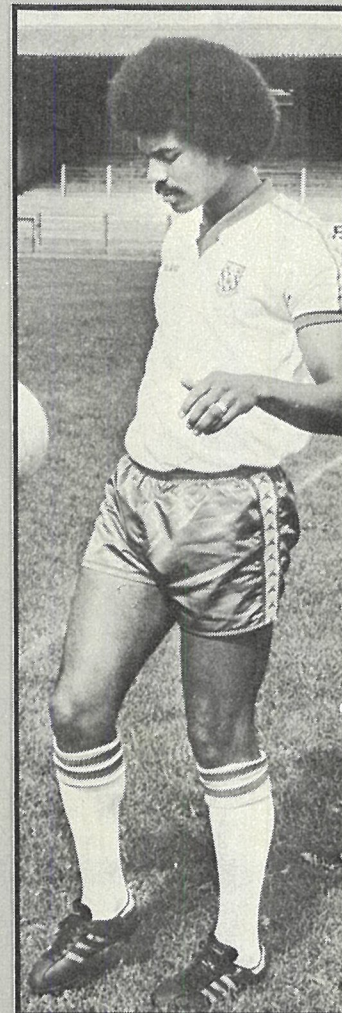
It is difficult to ask young Les to keep his feet firmly on the ground when he can produce an unbelievable standing jump of nearly four feet.

He is sensible about his soccer future though and acknowledges his manager's appraisal of his strengths and weaknesses. "My main ability is, of course, in the air but I need to be more sound in my ball control," he said.

Torquay coach John Rudge is a very experienced former League striker who played for United and Bristol Rovers. He has been a tremendous help to Les.

"He has me back most afternoons and with Mike Green he helps me appreciate what it is like to be well marked and what defenders do and don't like," said Les.

Together with Donal Murphy,



signed from Coventry City and Steve Cooper, ex-Brighton, Les forms a potent striking trio who have made Torquay one of the season's favourites for promotion.

"I think we have got as good a chance as anybody," said Les. "Donal is a very skilful player and Steve Cooper never knows when to give up so I think the three of us go together well."

Les believed that the success of players like Laurie Cunningham and Viv Anderson has made life in the lower Divisions a lot easier for black footballers.

"Now you are more accepted on away grounds although the stick never used to bother me. Coloured players are no longer the first target people go for."

The target Les is aiming for this season is 25 goals. "I had a £10 bet with John Rudge last year that I would score 25. I lost my money but we have the same bet this year and I want my money back."

Les started this season with three in his first three games — all scored with his feet incidentally. So John Rudge may have to return that £10, though he will not mind if those Lawrence goals bring Torquay promotion.



Ron Atkinson may not want exiles to play for England, but England would be a poorer side without Dave Watson of Werder Bremen, seen here causing an anxious moment in the Denmark defence.

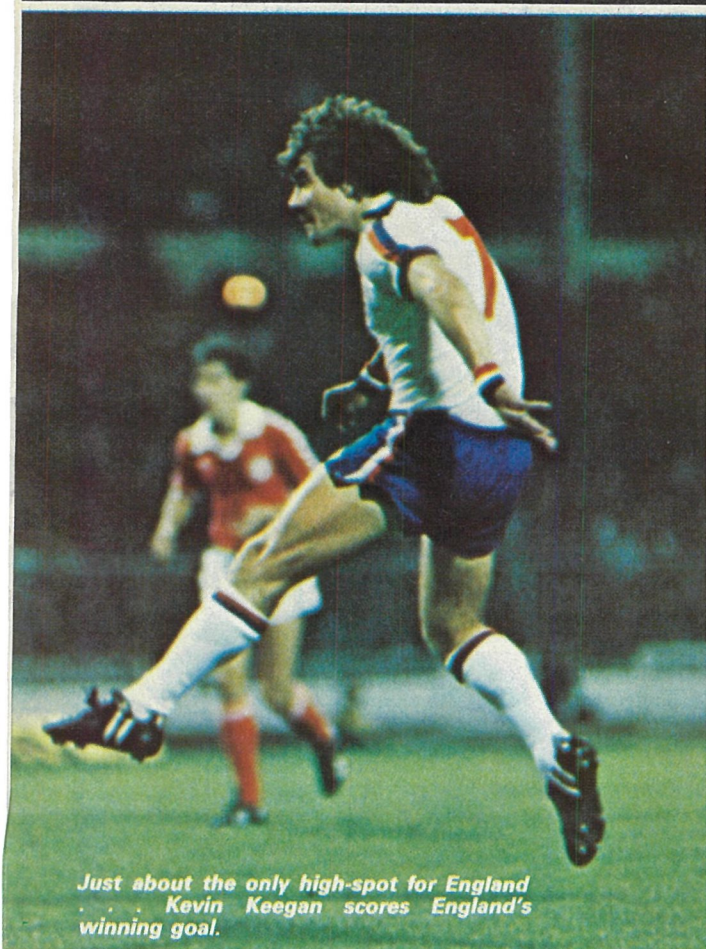


NO DEFEATS—LITTLE



Asa Hartford celebrates Scotland's goal against Peru.

England beat Denmark 1-0 . . . Scotland drew 1-1 with Peru . . . Wales beat the Republic of Ireland 2-1, yet overall there wasn't TOO much for British fans to cheer about. England's display was one of their poorest under Ron Greenwood and whilst they deserved to win, they were far from impressive. Scotland played quite well against the side who beat them in the 1978 World Cup, yet once again failed to press home their advantage. The attendance of 6,825 at Swansea for the Wales/Republic of Ireland game was a big disappointment; but another young star emerged. Ian Walsh of Crystal Palace, marked his Welsh debut with a goal. Here's some of the action from those games . . .



*Just about the only high-spot for England
Kevin Keegan scores England's
winning goal.*



Midfield action between Wales' Brian Flynn and Tony Grealish of the Republic.

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LARRY LLOYD - better than David O'Leary?

IF Larry Lloyd was in any doubt about his value to Nottingham Forest, the situation was made perfectly clear during the summer months.

The European Champions were reported to be showing interest in Arsenal's David O'Leary, but Forest assistant-manager Peter Taylor soon killed all rumours when he said:

"With due respect, I wouldn't swap him for Larry Lloyd or David Needham, and that's not meant as a slight on O'Leary."

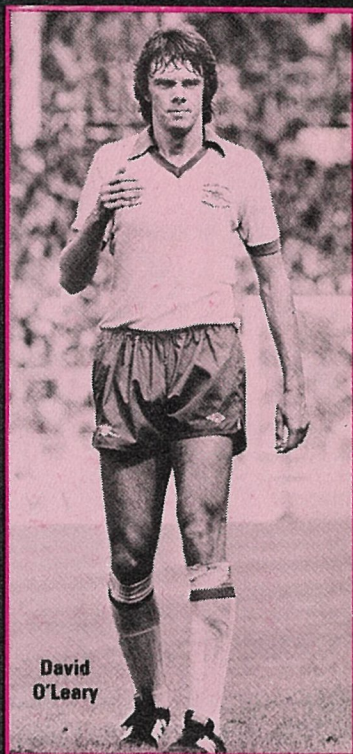
"We think we are fortunate to have two players of their calibre competing for our number five shirt and it's rubbish for people to suggest we want to replace them."

Lloyd is the man in possession at present and it's been that way since he returned from injury two years ago to help Forest clinch their first Championship in history.

Fairy-tales have become almost common place at the City Ground during the past couple of years and few have a more happy ending than that of the Bristol-born central defender.

It's not so long ago that Lloyd could be forgiven for wondering if he had a career in football at all after everything had gone wrong for him following his £240,000 move from Liverpool to Coventry.

But Clough and Taylor offered him fresh incentives and in the space of three action-packed seasons, Lloyd has helped Forest win promotion



David O'Leary

from the Second Division and picked up winners' medals in the League Cup (twice), the League Championship and the European Cup.

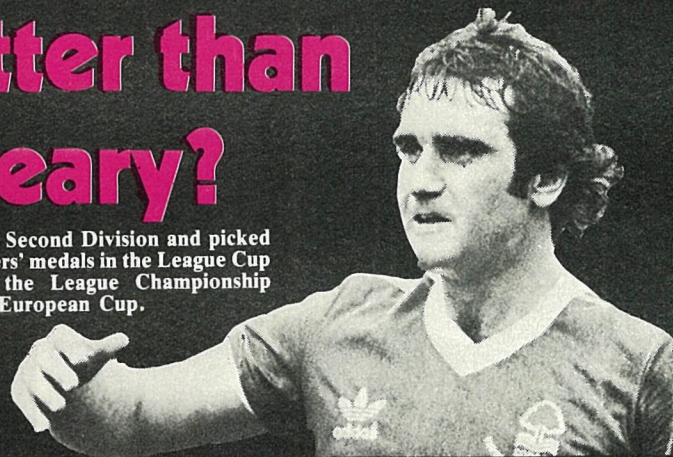
So effectively has Lloyd re-built his career that there was even talk of an England recall against Northern Ireland last season when Dave Watson was nursing an injury.

So, it's hardly surprising he says: "It all seems too good to be true. I'm having the biggest high of my life and I can't deny that it's unexpected."

"When I got the chance to join Forest it was a difficult decision. I didn't really fancy leaving the First Division — even though I knew that with this guy Clough, anything could happen."

"Anyway, I decided to take a calculated risk although even after we won promotion, who could possibly have imagined we were embarking on such a run of success?"

"I thought if we finished in a mid-table position in our first season back, that would have to be viewed as satisfactory."



"But you soon learn that Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are not prepared to settle for things like that."

"As long as they are at the City Ground, there's no knowing where it's all going to end."

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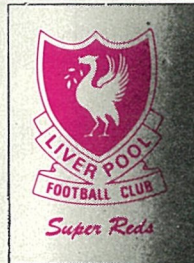


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A vital season for Newcastle

WILL the great days of the past ever return to St. James' Park? How much longer will the fanatical army of Tyneside's soccer true-blues have to wait before Newcastle United once again move easily among the giants?

Fifty-two years have gone rumbling into the record books since the First Division Championship banner proudly fluttered over the Gallowgate ground, and not since 1955 has the city of Newcastle saluted its heroes' return from Wembley with the F.A. Cup.

Apart from winning minor trophies like the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1973, and the Texaco Cup in 1974 and 1975, The Magpies' only noteworthy successes during the last 24 years have been promotion to the First Division, as Second Division Champions, in 1965, and four seasons later, the defeat of the Hungarian cracks, Ujpest Dozsa, in the Final of the European Fairs Cup, (now known as the U.E.F.A. Cup).

Two seasons ago, ravaged by internal squabbles and a chilling tally of two victories and two draws from the first four months of the League campaign, United chose former Wolves' manager, Bill McGarry, to fill the Sahara-hot seat so controversially vacated by the unfortunate Richard Dinnis.

But, so chaotic was the situation at St. James' Park, that the new boss, even if he'd been able to call upon Batman, Robin, and Superman, couldn't have halted Newcastle United's headlong dive towards the Second Division.

Only four of the 26 League games played under McGarry's rule earned his players the winners' bonus, and the inevitable sequel was a miserable farewell to 13 years in the top-grade.

Last season, The Magpies finished eighth in the promotion



Manager Bill McGarry.

race, and Bill McGarry, more than anyone, realises how vital the challenging months ahead are going to be for him.

He knows how fragile and dangerous the high-wire he will have to walk this season can be, but this iron-hard disciplinarian believes that, since moving into the driver's seat nearly two years ago, he has cleared most of the debris that he inherited.

Newcastle's soccer folk are amongst the most loyal and knowledgeable camp-followers in the land, but their team's disastrous exit from the First Division bit deeply into their pride... and their faith. Some of them were ready to blame McGarry for the club's failure to survive upstairs, an accusation that the United boss firmly dismisses.

"I'm aware that I'm still being held responsible for our relegation," admits Bill, "but really, things were in such a terrible state when I took over here that my top priority had to be rebuilding and reorganising the entire playing structure."

"Some 20 or 30 players have gone since I came here, and I think I've established a basis for success."

The general atmosphere is far more relaxed now, and while I admit that I've achieved one half of the job, now I have to produce results, and that means giving the fans a team that will bring First Division football back to Newcastle next season."

The Newcastle boss knows, from experience, how frustrated and bitter the fans of a declining club whose past glories are only a memory, can become. He does not need reminding that soccer-mad Tyneside will not be content with a return to First Division mediocrity.

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So, don't dismiss the Tyneside dream as reaching out for the unattainable. McGarry has restored stability and purpose to a club that was drifting into the shadows when he arrived.

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John Tudor (stripes) scores for Newcastle against Roma during an Anglo Italian Cup match in 1973.

'With luck West Brom will be winners'

says skipper
JOHN WILE



DESPITE the transfer activity at The Hawthorns and their relatively poor start, West Bromwich Albion look certain to maintain the progress made over the past four or five seasons.

"The comings and goings won't affect the way we play this season," says skipper John Wile, "because, like Liverpool and Nottingham Forest, we try to play to a regular pattern."

"Since his move, during the close season, Gary Owen has made a big difference. He's a bit of a terrier and the type of player who is going to be involved for 90 minutes. Apart from being able to join the attack and get back quickly to help the defence, he has the ability to hit good, penetrating balls."

"Obviously, he's going to benefit us with his non-stop work in the middle of the park because, without doubt, I think midfield is the place where you win or lose games."

"So he's going to give us a lot. And if we are to continue to be successful — and we had a very good season last time without actually winning anything — then we've got to add players to our first team squad. Gary's come along and he'll add something to the squad and to the team."

Last season was generally accepted as West Brom's best for 25 years. How does John feel about it? "As I've said, the only thing we didn't do was to win something. But there are so few prizes about. There is this tendency in the game to pressurise managers and players to win something outright, yet we had a tremendously successful and exciting season without actually picking up a trophy."

"If people are going to say that you've got to pick-up silver to be successful, then I'm afraid there are going to be an awful lot of disappointed teams."

"But the Albion were involved in all the competitions up to the latter stages. In fact, in our last match of the season we were playing for second and third place in the League. You couldn't wish for a

better climax than that.

"Throughout the campaign we scored goals and we entertained people — which, I think, is the name of the game. It was very nice to receive the plaudits of the Press and the public for the way we performed. It was enjoyable for the players themselves and that, obviously, reflects on the way that we play."

"I think sometimes, if you're going to be absolutely ruthless, then you've got to cut down on the entertainment value to some degree. But we struck a happy medium last term, where we were very entertaining without being ridiculous."

"If you throw a lot of people forward and give players the freedom to express themselves without too many restrictions, then I think you will concede a few goals. But as long as you are scoring more than the opposition every time, then you're going to be satisfied. Obviously there comes a time when enough's enough. We can't keep on playing the way we are and hoping to end up scoring more than the opposition."

What is it like to be captain of Albion? "It's very nice because, obviously, you're involved in a certain amount of decisions. You have responsibility and I like that. It's an easy side to captain when things are going well because the team tends to run itself."

Sights

"I've captained a side at the Albion when we were relegated and believe me you put more work into the job then than you do when you're running for the title."

At 31, where does John set his sights? "I've no thoughts of retiring. I don't think age comes into it. It's ability that counts."

"Football has changed from a few years ago when the premium was on the team work rate and players were expected to be buzzing here there and everywhere at 100 miles an hour, letting the legs rule the game rather than the head."

"In general the football all over the country suffered. Since then there's been a gradual return to thoughtful football and people are expressing themselves with their ability rather than their athleticism. We see players now who are playing well beyond 34 or 35 and doing very, very well indeed."

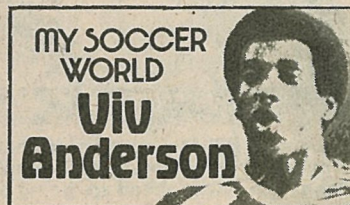
And Albion's chances this season?

"Okay, I know we haven't exactly sparkled this season but given time and a fair amount of luck, then, hopefully, we can continue to be as successful as last term."

'WHERE OVER

IN ONE unguarded moment after England's 1-0 victory over Denmark at Wembley last month, I saw Ron Greenwood close his eyes, take a deep breath and brush a hand across his brow.

Then with a shrug of his shoulders he walked out of the dressing room to face the Press, knowing he would meet the usual barrage of comments.



Another win for England, but an unimpressive one . . . apart from Keegan no other player threatened the Danes . . . England just managed to beat a team they should have buried . . . a long way to go before we can take ourselves seriously.

Those were the general feelings of the media. Can you wonder why Ron Greenwood asks himself just what he has to do to get the Press to write encouraging articles about his side.

In fact Ron was the first to agree England's performance against the Danes was not a particularly good one.

Maybe it wasn't overall, but the result was a good one. We are now two points nearer to next year's European Championship Finals in Rome.

To be honest I thought England played quite well in the first-half at Wembley and caused Denmark a few problems, especially skipper Kevin Keegan who scored our winner in the 18th minute.

The second-half was a different story when we lost the midfield.

The Danes dominated us for long spells and can perhaps consider themselves a trifle unlucky not to have drawn the match.

They were even denied a penalty claim that split the England camp. I couldn't really judge from where I was sitting on the bench but some of the lads thought it was a penalty when Lerby ran between Mills and Thompson and went sprawling in the area, some didn't.

But penalty or not let's remember England DID win against a team that was well-organised and came looking for a draw.

As I said in my last column I didn't expect to play, although I was disap-

pointed not to have been selected as one of the substitutes.

But at least I still figure in England's plans.

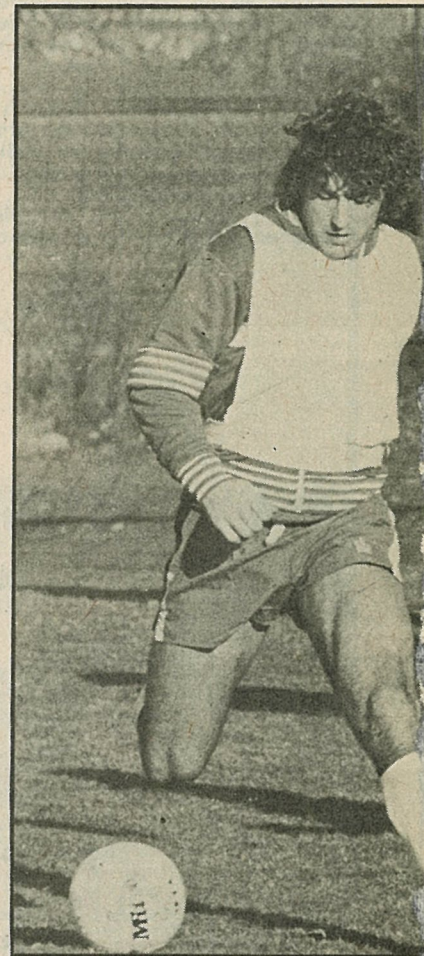
During a break in training before the match Ron Greenwood called me aside and said: "Don't worry, Viv, we're all in this together and I plan to give everyone a game before Rome."

Every player in the squad is made to feel important. We now have a spirit that is unrivalled among other soccer nations.

Okay, we might not have the best team in the world at the moment, but I doubt there's another country that can beat England for spirit and application.

It's these qualities that have helped make clubs such as Liverpool and Forest the forces they are in the game.

As Mr Greenwood has said, this attitude is vital to his plans and will go a long way in re-establishing England as one of the leading nations in world football.



ENGLAND SCORE OTHER NATIONS'

From what I've been told, under Don Revie some players dreaded international call-ups.

I wasn't around during those days so I can't comment. All I can say is the lads look forward to reporting for England duty at our fabulous headquarters at Hadley Wood in Hertfordshire these days.

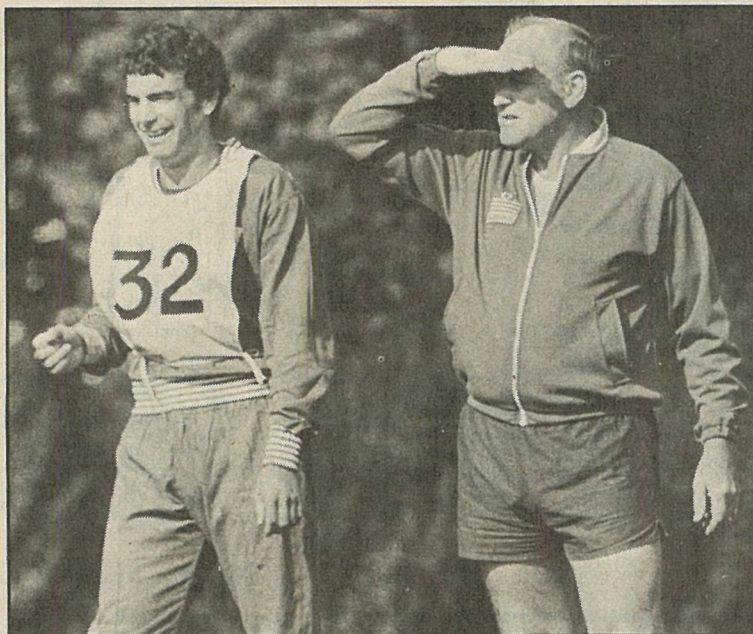
Apart from the break in normal club routine it's great having the chance to chat to players who are opponents on Saturdays.

Usually I room with Laurie Cunningham on England duty, but his new club Real Madrid refused to release him for the Denmark game.

I was looking forward to seeing Laurie and asking him what Spanish football was all about.

He's a quiet lad is Laurie. It's a shame in a way his skills have been lost to the English League game.

But while foreign clubs are offering vast fortunes to our players you can't blame the likes of Cunningham, Keegan and Watson for going abroad.



Ron Greenwood looking for more encouragement from the English Press.

Established internationals helped Viv settle into the squad.

I roomed with my Forest teammate Tony Woodcock this time.

Woodie and I are fortunate to have expert coaches at the City Ground, but Ron Greenwood is also playing a part in our development.

Ron is close to his players, calls everyone by their Christian name and always has the time for a personal chat with members of his squad.

His tactical knowledge of the game is unrivalled, although you sometimes need an 'O' level to completely understand his plans and diagrams. We manage to figure it out in the end, though.

I also get along well with Geoff Hurst, who doubles his duties as England coach, with that of caretaker-manager of Chelsea.

Geoff has his own ideas about things, as the players at Stamford Bridge have already found out.

The only time I come into contact with Geoff on the field during England training is in the five-a-sides. You see, he normally trains the goalkeepers, leaving the other players to Ron Greenwood and Bill Taylor.

Bill, the new assistant-manager at Oldham, is another one for the coaching manual.

The former Manchester City coach eats and sleeps football. He talks of nothing else for the three days we are together.

Bill was a great help during my early days as an England player. As you can imagine I was like a little boy on his first day at school.

But Ron Greenwood, Bill, Geoff, Kevin Keegan and Emyln Hughes went out of their way to ensure I felt at ease and part of the whole England family.

At the moment I'm waiting for the F.A. to send me their itinerary for England's Euro Championship tie against Northern Ireland in Belfast on October 17th.

Again I don't expect to play, barring injury to Phil Neal or Mick Mills.

I shouldn't think Ron Greenwood will make changes for such a vital match as this.

The media will be expecting the usual cricket score from England, but there's no way the Irish are going to make it easy for us. It will be a hard game, but one I'm sure England will win.

Qualify

I'm not being complacent but two points should be enough to ensure we qualify for Rome and the Finals of our first major tournament for ten years.

Just time to mention Forest's match this Saturday (October 6th) at home to Wolves.

They've started the season well and could emerge as one of the dark horses for honours.

Manager John Barnwell recently sold a good player in Steve Daley to Man. City for £1,400,000 and then bought a better one in Andy Gray from Aston Villa for £100,000 more.

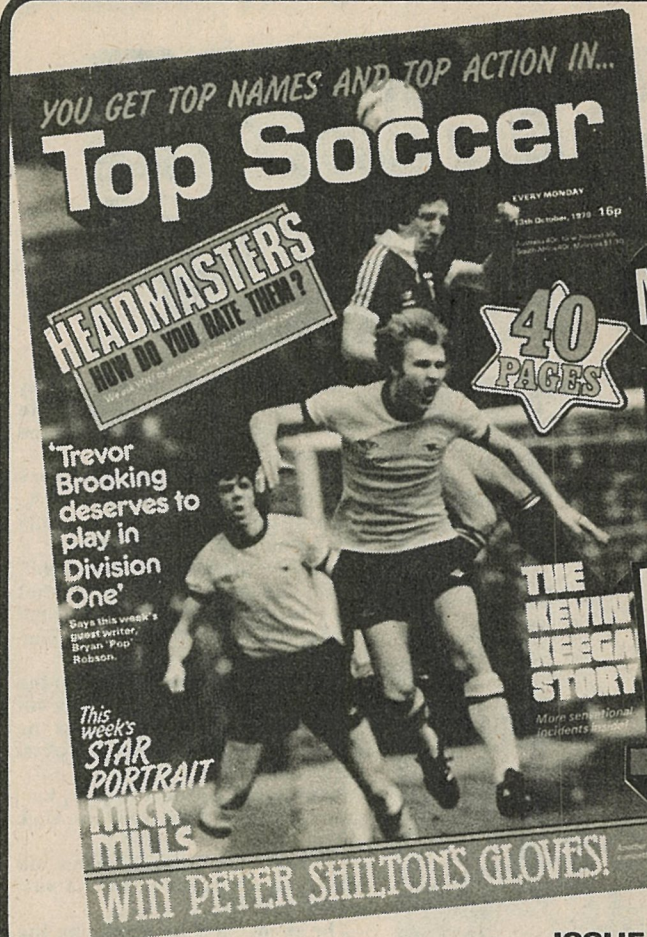
My SHOOT colleague will take some watching this weekend, as will John Richards, now playing better than ever after a long spell out of the game with injury.

Forest beat Wolves 3-1 at the City Ground last season after a fine, open game of football.

Let's hope there are the same thrills in store for the fans this time out.

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'Promotion will be tougher for Sunderland this time'

claims

BRYAN "POP" ROBSON

BEWARE making Sunderland the favourites to win promotion to Division One this season! That's the warning from Roker Park striker Bryan 'Pop' Robson, as the Wearside club start the long road towards promotion.

Sunderland only just missed out on a place in Division One in 1978-79. So perhaps it is understandable for the club's fanatical supporters to believe it must happen this time.

Robson, newly signed from West Ham and happy to be back in the North-East, takes a different view.

"It certainly won't be easy," he says. "We have the nucleus of a good side now but it is a young team. People have made us favourites to go up but it's asking a lot of any side."

'Threats'

"It just won't be that easy. It could be a case of waiting for everybody to settle down and with young players, you never know how they will react."

"After narrowly missing out last term we can only hope that we finally make it this season. But I believe the Second Division is extremely open this time — it's very difficult to say who the dark horses, the real threats, will be."

"It could be one of a number of sides so all we can do is try and get a good start and maintain that form. But my advice to anyone who thinks we're bound to go up is simple — 'forget it. There is going to be a real struggle to make it'. I'm certain of that."

Robson, an experienced Second Division campaigner in recent years, believes last season was the time Sunderland should have reached the First.

"There were about five good teams in with a chance of promotion — this time it will be much different," he says. "There were some young sides around then but this season, they will have that extra experience."

"Teams like Preston and Cardiff started badly but came strongly near the end. They could do well again in 1979-80 as well as the more obvious candidates for promotion. Leicester could be dark horses too but quite honestly, I don't know what to expect. Anything could happen."

Robson believes the competition

for places will be healthy at Roker Park this season. "We've got a strong squad and I think the boss, Ken Knighton, is trying to improve it."

"I hope I'll be among the goals again. But I won't be the only one capable of putting the ball in the net and that's to our favour. It puts too much pressure on one person if he is expected to score all the goals. We've got players like Gerry Rowell (22 goals last season), Wayne Entwistle, Alan Brown capable of scoring regularly."

"My experience will be useful in helping the youngsters. But even I'm not guaranteed a place. A player will be out if his form doesn't match up to requirements and that's a good thing; a healthy situation for the club."

Robson is quietly confident about the chances of Sunderland, his new club whom he re-joined during the close season. But what about West Ham, the club he has twice left?

"They looked impressive when they beat us 2-0 at Upton Park last month a few days after they bought Jimmy Neighbour from Norwich. Their squad is still thin but if the boss John Lyall puts that right, they could be there or thereabouts at the end."

"Having Phil Parkes right from the start of the season, should make a considerable difference. He will save them many goals."



Why PHIL WALKER chose struggling Charlton

ORIENT or Charlton? That was the choice facing Millwall midfielder man Phil Walker during the close season. Millwall, relegated to Division Three, needed the cash Walker could bring them by joining another club. But which one was Walker's problem?

On the face of it, Orient looked certain to get the talented, black player. Charlton, near neighbours to Millwall, had struggled badly for three seasons, missing relegation by goal difference in the last two seasons.

Orient, meanwhile, were looking ahead to the future — and were in the process of signing three West Ham stars... Mervyn Day, Tommy Taylor and Billy Jennings. Manager Jimmy Bloomfield wanted Walker to complete his new-look side.

But Walker surprised everyone. He signed for Charlton in a £125,000 deal — and now says he is pleased he chose the South London club. Why?

"I think I've got on better with Andy Nelson than I might have done with the Orient manager Jimmy Bloomfield," says Walker. "I just seemed to relate better to Nelson and he convinced me Charlton were trying to improve things in the future."

"Charlton's terms were a lot better than Orient's, too. That also helped me settle for them. I knew about their problems and recent struggles because I had played against them for the past few seasons. But I am not worried. I believe we can make strides now and the club will have a bright future."

Certainly, a brightening of the gloom over the Valley would be long overdue. Despite a new stand at one end of the vast Charlton ground erected during the close season and a new top on the main grandstand, things have worn a

depressing look for too long at The Valley.

Lack of ambition, is the charge most frequently levelled at the club. And maybe in the past it has been true. But Walker isn't deterred.

He says: "I think the club may have to buy more players because the squad isn't big enough. As soon as a couple are injured we're struggling."

"But Andy Nelson and the chairman promised me they were trying to do better and that new players would be arriving. So I don't see any reason why the future shouldn't be brighter."

Ironically, Walker wasn't keen on the idea of a move from Millwall. He joined the club as a hopeful amateur from Epsom and Ewell during the managership of Gordon Jago, at The Den.

Highly promising

But he soon fulfilled that promise and although The Lions went down last season, Walker was happy to stay and try to get them back with the bunch of highly promising kids now at The Den. "But I think the club needed the money," he said. "So I realised a move would be best."

"I'm sure Millwall will come back — and judging by their start that should be soon. They have some fabulous kids down there, with so much talent."

Walker certainly doesn't intend to stay forever in the Second.

"I joined Charlton hoping that we could get into the First in the not too distant future," he said.

"I'm ambitious and would love the chance to play at the top. I just hope it is with Charlton."



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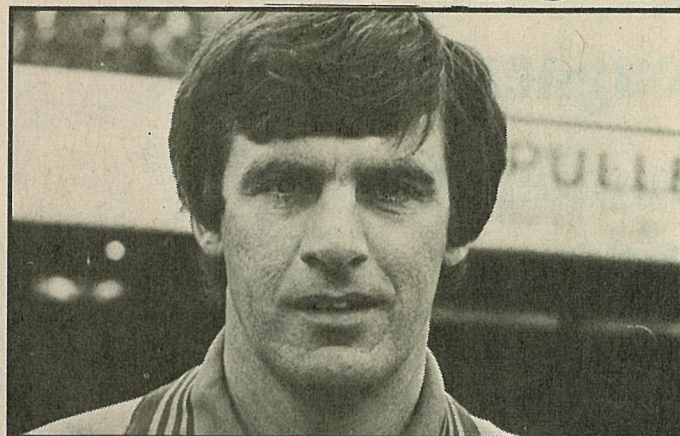
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'HOT-SHOT'



IS BACK

PETER Lorimer, the man with a 90-miles-an-hour kick, is back in business!

The 32-year-old former Leeds United and Scotland winger, home again after a highly-successful season with Toronto Blizzard in the North American Soccer League, has signed for Fourth Division York City on a short-term contract.

"He's the sort of quality player I was looking for to strengthen our squad," said his new manager Charlie Wright.

"His explosive finishing will be a tremendous asset to us, his experience will be a boon to the younger players like promising midfield player Gary Ford and we're hoping his presence will boost our attendances."

Lorimer, who was allowed to go to Canada for a £30,000 fee only months after Elland Road fans had given him a £25,000 testimonial, is delighted with his luck in finding a club only half-an-hour's drive from his home.

"I'm sure the arrangement will be to the mutual benefit of York and myself," he told SHOOT.

"It's a great chance to prove that I've still a lot to offer the English game."

"It's no secret that my final season at Elland Road — I'd been there 17 seasons — wasn't particularly happy. I thought I'd played well in our pre-season tour in the summer of 1978 and was looking forward to life with a new manager after Jimmy Armfield's departure."

"I'd trained hard, was giving 100 per cent, but then found myself on the team sheet only four times. Even now I'm convinced I had a lot to contribute to the First Division, but new boss Jimmy Adamson obviously had other ideas."

"The message was clear: I had no future with the club I joined from school as a 15-year-old. Still I left with no ill-feelings and I've many happy memories of life with United."

Those memories include two League Championship medals, an F.A. Cup and League Cup Winners' medal, a Second Division Championship medal and he was in the winning side in two European Finals.

The Dundee-born star, who

scored over 200 goals for Leeds in over 600 first team appearances, made his League debut for the club as a 15-year-old in 1962 — 15 years and 289 days to be exact — only three months after arriving at Elland Road.

His reputation as a ferocious sharp-shooter earned him the nickname "Hot Shot". His first boss, Don Revie, who is still proud of the fact that he "beat 28 League clubs for Peter's signature," soon ordered him to stop shooting at full power at Leeds' goalkeepers in training! But he was more than just a finisher. In his early days with Leeds, when Revie's team became one of the most-feared teams in Europe, he operated on the right-wing.

But as he matured he tended to play deeper, but never lost his eye for a shooting chance.

One of his former colleagues in that distinguished side of the 60's and early 70's, the great Johnny Giles, reckoned that Peter had a more powerful shot than Bobby Charlton.

'Scoring'

"Whenever he gets the ball on his right foot in or around the penalty-area I'd bet on his scoring," said Giles once.

Quite a few Scotland managers felt the same way. That's why he won 21 international caps. Willie Ormond once said: "He puts the fear of God into the opposition!"

Now York boss Charlie Wright is hoping that Fourth Division goalkeepers will feel the same this winter about the striker who landed on his Bootham Crescent "doorstep almost out of the blue".

"I heard Peter was looking for a job, I contacted him and then I had to sell the club. Fortunately I convinced him there was a future for him," said the big Glaswegian, who reckons he got his fellow Scot at what they would both regard as a bargain — nothing!

Peter explains: "As Toronto bought my contract from Leeds I was a free agent."

"Hopefully I'll go back there next summer. Professional soccer has a good future in North America and I'm looking forward to being part of it for a few seasons."

AN Argentinian delegation was recently in Barcelona with the aim of buying several acres of land where they could build their own headquarters for the World Champions to use in 1982. They also tried to secure 15,000 hotel places in Barcelona for their supporters — which goes to show that the warning I gave several weeks ago about severe shortages of hotel beds for the 1982 World Cup is definitely not an exaggeration. Even so, you must admire the Argentinians for their forward planning.

WORLD WIDE



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Inflation bites in Italy

INFLATION is badly affecting the game in Italy and even SS Napoli, almost guaranteed a full house for every home game, have increased admission prices by ten per cent. The Turin clubs, Juventus and Torino, have kept their increase down to seven per cent, while Champions AC Milan look as if they are cashing in on their title by upping prices by 30 per cent, but even that is topped by Bologna whose fans will have to pay 39 per cent more to get in this season.

At the same time, the Italian clubs have made drastic economies, with the First and Second Division clubs releasing 692 players between them who have failed to find new clubs.

Lucien Chiarelli, an international not long ago, is one of them, but the majority are young professionals. AC Milan alone have discarded no less than 65 young players who trained full-time last season.

The "name" players, like 35-year-old Roberto Boninsegna (released by Juventus without a fee) have a better chance of finding a new berth than the youngsters.

Boninsegna has signed for Division Two Verona, but the majority seem destined to play as part-timers in the Third Division where they will need a regular job for which they are totally unprepared and inexperienced to supplement the money currently being paid by Third Division clubs, which is not enough to live on.

HE'S NO DOPE!

DURING the Operário v. Guarapuava match in Paraná, Brazil, Operário's left-winger Mingo was chosen for an anti-dope test. As soon as the match ended, however, he ran out of the stadium and could not be found for the test. In fact, he only reappeared ten days later when Operário were to play Atlético Paranaense.

During this match, he managed to injure three opponents, had a fight with another and was not sent-off thanks to an amazingly bad performance by the referee!

Then, in order to leave the field before the final whistle, he faked an injury, was substituted and the same story happened again — no one could find him, not even the anti-doping commission!

Maradona's brothers under the spotlight

NOW that Diego Maradona has been acclaimed as the Number One in Argentina, people have begun to pay a lot more attention to his brothers Raul (13) and Hugo (ten) and large crowds sometimes turn out to watch them in action in school games!

Diego, when he was nine-years-old, was taken to a specialist to be "strengthened up" and both brothers are now getting the same treatment. Of course it's impossible to predict whether they'll be stars like their elder brother, but both are being closely watched by a number of top clubs.

Ten-year-old Hugo is apparently the better of the two — "just like Diego, but right-footed," says their father.

"And he's going to be stronger than Diego," adds his mother. But maybe their biggest problem stems from being Diego's brothers, because the amount of attention they receive from the Press and the public could easily spoil everything by giving them "ideas above their station".

Hugo, for example, has been playing for a local side in a "baby-football" League where matches are played on a small-size pitch.

But just listen to the grown-up way he talked to a Press reporter recently: "I'm not going to play down at the park any more because when you play baby-football you have adaptation problems when you have to play on full-size pitches. In 'baby' you can't play the long ball and the pitch is so crowded that it's difficult to make solo runs and you end up playing one-touch football all the time." Doesn't sound like a ten-year-old!

● Argentinos Juniors celebrated their 75th anniversary with a game against Talleres and fans were treated to an exciting attacking game, which Maradona's side won 5-4. Argentinos had guest players, including Bochini (left, Independiente) and Boca goalkeeper Hugo "El Loco" Gatti (centre). Maradona is on the right.



Bright Barcelona

IN Spain the top clubs seem to have the Midas touch of converting everything into big money. Barcelona reckon to have taken £800,000 in gate receipts for their two-day pre-season tournament, in which Anderlecht, Cologne and F.C. Zurich battled against the local club for a massive silver trophy.

In fact, to give you some idea of how seriously friendly matches are taken in Spain, Barcelona are now offering 750ft. films of the tournament for £60 a time!

Incidentally, Barcelona have started the new season with some new "luminous" shirts. They're the answer to the players' complaints that the gloomy maroon-and-dark-blue colours are barely visible against the dark backdrop of the crowd, particularly in night matches and it's difficult to spot teammates making breaks down the wings.

● Picture shows "dull" Barcelona striker Hans Krankl.



News flashes

THE Colombian government has announced an original method of raising funds for the organisation of the 1986 World Cup — they've put a 20 centavo tax on fizzy drinks! The tax of 0.25p per bottle doesn't sound very much, but the authorities reckon that it'll bring in £13 million per year.

ONE of the first things Sepp Maier did after being released from hospital after his recent car crash was to appear in a Munich bookshop selling his recently published book, and, with his right arm in a sling, signed autographs left-handed!

KARL-HEINZ Feldkamp, boss of FC Kaiserslautern, reckons there is only one thing wrong with his 20-year-old left-winger Arno Wolf. He is deaf in his left ear, and playing on the left wing cannot hear instructions shouted from the line!

THE West Germans are claiming a world record for Bochum player Werner Schachten who, including investigatory operations, has been hospitalised for seven cartilage operations.

THE Maracanã Stadium in Rio is to have a new seating distribution. In order to attract more people, there will be cheaper seats behind the goals and there are plans to construct a special air-conditioned sector.

BRAZILIAN ace Zico keeps a record of all his goals. Since 1967, he says, he's scored 410 goals: including 70 penalties and 37 from free-kicks. Twice he has scored six goals in one game, both in 1978 when Flamengo met Goitacas and Niteroi.

HERE'S an incredible story from Brazil. In March, 1977, Paulo César Carpegiani knocked down a 25-year-old bricklayer who, as a result of this accident, had to have his right leg amputated.

The legal procedures have ended and Paulo César will have to support the bricklayer for the rest of his life. Apart from paying him the wages he would have earned if he were still working, Paulo César must also pay for the maintenance of the bricklayer's artificial leg!

RESULTS...SCORERS...GATES... RESULTS...

Saturday, September 15

Second Division

Birmingham (0) 1 (Lynex) 16,155
Charlton (0) 0

Cambridge (2) 4 (Streete, Smith, Biley, Spriggs)
Bristol R. (0) 1 (Williams) 4,423

Fulham (1) 3 (Davies 2, Lock (pen))
Burnley (1) 1 (Noble (pen)) 6,535

Newcastle (1) 3 (Shoulder 2 (2 pens), Cartwright)
Leicester (1) 2 (Smith 2 (1 pen)) 26,963

Notts Co (0) 0
Luton (0) 0 9,582

Oldham (2) 3 (Heaton, Stainrod, Steel)
Preston (0) 2 (Thomson 2) 9,849

Shrewsbury (1) 3 (Biggins, Mann, Keay (pen))
Chelsea (0) 0 9,271

Swansea (0) 1 (Charles)
Q.P.R. (0) 2 (Burke, Stevenson (o.g.)) 16,000

Watford (0) 1 (Train)
Cardiff (0) 1 (Stevens) 13,741

West Ham (0) 2 (Cross, Pearson)
Sunderland (0) 0 24,021

Wrexham (0) 2 (Hill, Vinter)
Orient (0) 1 (Mayo) 8,196

Third Division

Blackburn (0) 1 (Craig)
Southend (0) 1 (Cusack) 6,603

Blackpool (2) 3 (Wilson, Kellow, McEwan)
Rotherham (1) 2 (Gwyther, Rhodes) 7,807

Brentford (1) 1 (Salmon)
Grimsby (0) 0 7,120

Bury (0) 0
Hull (1) 1 (Edwards) 3,442

Colchester (0) 0
Sheff. Wed (0) 0 3,473

Gillingham (1) 2 (Price 2)
Chester (1) 2 (Oakes, Rush) 7,397

Mansfield (1) 1 (Austin)
Oxford (0) 0 4,217

Millwall (5) 5 (Hore (o.g.), Mehmet, Lyons, Tagg, Mitchell)
Exeter (0) 1 (Pullar) 5,567

Plymouth (1) 3 (Kemp 2, Trusson)
Wimbledon (0) 0 5,744

Reading (0) 2 (Heale, Bowman (pen))
Carlisle (0) 0 4,925

Sheff. Utd. (1) 2 (Bourne, Matthews)
Barnsley (0) 0 23,000

Swindon (1) 2 (Rowland, Kamara)
Chesterfield (1) 1 (Walker) 6,176

Fourth Division

Darlington (0) 0
Aldershot (0) 0 1,456

Halifax (1) 1 (Mountford)
Hereford (0) 0 1,500

Lincoln (1) 1 (Hobson)
Doncaster (0) 1 (Nimmo) 4,756

Newport (1) 1 (Vaughan)
Bradford (0) 2 (McNiven, Staniforth) 4,089

Peterborough (1) 3 (Quow, Kellock, Robson)
Crewe (0) 0 4,525

Port Vale (1) 5 (Chamberlain 2, Wright 2, Sproson)
Northampton (0) 0 2,847

Scunthorpe (1) 1 (Green)
Huddersfield (0) 1 (Stanton) 2,564

Torquay (1) 3 (Davies, Murphy, Ser-manni)
Rochdale (0) 0 2,434

Walsall (3) (Waddington, Buckley 2)
Hartlepool (0) 1 (Ayre) 4,205

Wigan (1) 2 (Corrigan, Urquhard)
York (0) 5 (Loggie, Staniforth 3, Lorimer) 5,990

Scottish Premier

Aberdeen (1) 3 (McMaster, Strachan, Rougvie)
Rangers (1) 1 (Johnstone) 23,000

Dundee (1) 4 (MacLaren, Sinclair, Murphy, Redford)
Morton (1) 3 (Hutchison, Ritchie, McNeill) 7,243

Hibernian (1) 1 (Higgins)
Celtic (1) 3 (Lennox, Conroy, MacLeod (pen)) 18,000

Partick (0) 0
Kilmarnock (0) 0 5,000

St. Mirren (2) 3 (Somner 2, McDougall)
Dundee United (0) 2 (Pettigrew 2) 7,000

Scottish First

Airdrie (1) 1 (McClymont)
Dumbarton (0) 0 2,000

Arbroath (1) 1 (Gavine)
Dunfermline (0) 1 (Rowland (pen)) 1,301

Berwick (0) 1 (McLean)
St. Johnstone (2) 2 (Brogan, McNeill) 1,239

Clyde (2) 4 (Ahearn, Hood 3)
Hamilton (0) 0 1,200

Clydebank (0) 1 (McLaughlin)
Ayr (0) 0 2,000

Hearts (1) 2 (Kennedy (o.g.), Gibson (pen))
Stirling (0) 1 (Gray) 5,550

Raith (2) 5 (Wallace 2, Thompson, R., Harrow 2)
Motherwell (1) 2 (McLaughlin, Ciel-land) 4,000



Scottish Second

Cowdenbeath (0) 1 (Steele)
Brechin (0) 0 350

Forfar (1) 1 (Farningham)
East Stirling (1) 2 (Lamont, Ashwood)) 1,200

Meadowbank (0) 1 (Downie)
Albion (2) 2 (Campbell, Houston) 300

Montrose (0) 0
Stenhousemuir (1) 2 (Jack, Jenkins) 800

Queen of South (0) 2 (Bryce 2)
Falkirk (0) 0 1,200

Queen's Park (1) 1 (Nicholson)
East Fife (2) 2 (Mackie, Lumsden) 692

Stranraer (1) 1 (Robertson)
Alloa (0) 0 800

League of Ireland

Bohemians (0) 0
St. Patrick's (0) 0

Cork (1) 1 (Madden)
Shamrock (1) 1 (Byrne)

Galway (1) 3 (Cassidy, Mannion, Herrick)
Shelbourne (4) 5 (Dillon 2, Delamere, Donnelly, Kerr)

Home Farm (0) 1 (Daly)
Waterford (2) 5 (McCarthy 3 (1 pen), Madigan, Carey)

UCD (0) 0
Athlone (1) 5 (Devline 2, O'Connor 2, Clarke)

Sunday, September 16

League of Ireland

Drogheda (0) 0
Dundalk (1) 2 (Carlyle 2)

Sligo Rovers (1) 2 (Sheridan, McLoughlin)
Limerick (1) 3 (Hand, Morris, Walsh)

Thurles Town (0) 1 (Tierney)
Finn Harps (1) 1 (McGoarty)

Monday, September 17

Third Division

Brentford (0) 0
Exeter (2) 2 (Bowker, Neville) 7,810

Fourth Division

Port Vale (1) 1 (Sproson)
Bradford C (0) 2 (Baines, McNiven) 4,724

Tranmere (0) 1 (Kerr)
Doncaster (0) 0 3,018

Tuesday, September 18

Third Division

Bury (1) 1 (Beamish)
Grimsby (1) 1 (Kilmore) 3,176

Carlisle (2) 3 (Bannon, Bonnyman (pen), Forrest (o.g.))
Rotherham (1) 1 (McEwan) 3,916

Chesterfield (1) 1 (Crawford)
Hull (0) 1 (Edwards) 4,966

Colchester (1) 2 (Gough, Lee)
Mansfield (0) 1 (Bird) 2,346

Gillingham (0) 1 (Cunningham (o.g.))
Wimbledon (0) 0 8,074

Millwall (2) 3 (Chatterton, Mitchell, Mehmet)
Sheff. Wed. (1) 3 (Smith (pen), Hornsby, Owen) 7,500

Plymouth (0) 1 (Kemp)
Oxford (0) 1 (Cooke) 5,635

Sheff. Utd. (0) 3 (Kenworthy, Bourne, Speight)
Blackpool (1) 1 (Kellow) 15,198

Swindon (0) 3 (Mayes, Rowland, Miller)
Chester (0) 1 (Henderson) 6,102

Fourth Division

Halifax (0) 1 (Stafford)
Rochdale (0) 0 2,390

Newport (2) 2 (Tynan, Goddard (pen))
Northampton (1) 1 (Waldock) 3,185

Portsmouth (2) 4 (Brisley 2, Hemmer-man 2)
Bournemouth (0) 0 15,524

Scunthorpe (2) 6 (Partridge 3 (1 pen), Green 2, Cammack)
York (0) 1 (McDonald) 2,365

Walsall (1) 3 (McDonough, Penn 2)
Lincoln (0) 0 5,193

Scottish Second

East Stirling (0) 2 (Grant, McCaig)
Albion (0) 0 500

Queen's Park (1) 2 (Nicholson 2)
Queen of South (0) 1 (Alexander) 350

Wednesday, September 19

European Cup

(First Round, first-leg)

Liverpool (2) 2 (Johnson, Case)
Tbilisi (1) 1 (Chivadze) 35,270

Nottm For (0) 2 (Bowyer 2)
Oesters (0) 0 21,974

Partizani Tirana (1) 1 (Murati)
Celtic (0) 0 25,000

Cup-Winners' Cup

(First Round, first-leg)

Arsenal (1) 2 (Sunderland, Young)
Fenerbahce (0) 0 34,973

Rangers (0) 2 (MacDonald, McLean)
Dusseldorf (0) 1 (Wenzel) 36,000

Wrexham (1) 3 (McNeil, Fox, Buxton)
Magdeburg (2) 2 (Streich, Steinbach) 9,802

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U.E.F.A. CUP

(First Round, first-leg)

Aberdeen (0) 1 (Harper)	
Eintracht (1) 1 (Cha Bum Kun)	18,000
Dundee U (0) 0	
Anderlecht (0) 0	14,000
Valetta (0) 0	
Leeds (2) 4 (Graham 3, Hart)	18,000
Carl Zeiss Jena (1) 2 (Schnuphase, Lindemann)	
West Brom (0) 0	16,000
Feyenoord (1) 1 (Notten)	
Everton (0) 0	36,000
Skeid Oslo (1) 1 (Rein)	
Ipswich (2) 3 (Mills, Turner, Mariner)	3,500

Third Division

Blackburn (0) 0	
Barnsley (1) 1 (Glavin)	7,582
Reading (1) 1 (Kearney)	
Southend (0) 1 (Tuohy)	5,949

Fourth Division

Crewe (0) 1 (Nelson)	
Huddersfield (1) 3 (Robins, Brown, Fletcher)	2,104
Peterborough (1) 1 (Kellock)	
Aldershot (1) 3 (Dungworth, McGregor, Brodie)	4,449
Torquay (0) 1 (Smith)	
Hereford (1) 1 (Hunt)	2,560
Wigan (0) 2 (Houghton 2)	
Hartlepool (0) 1 (Houchen)	4,877

Scottish First

Arbroath (1) 3 (Stark, Kidd 2)	
Clydebank (0) 2 (Kidd (o.g.), McCormack)	800
Ayr (3) 3 (McCall, Frye 2)	
Berwick (0) 2 (McLeod, McLean)	1,755
Dunfermline (1) 1 (Leonard)	
Dumbarton (1) 3 (Sharp 2, Whiteford)	2,500
Hamilton (1) 1 (Graham)	
Raith (1) 3 (Forsyth, Wallace, McFarlane)	2,500
Motherwell (1) 4 (Soutar, McLaughlin, Clinging, Larnach)	
Hearts (2) 2 (Gibson 2 (2 pens))	3,551
St. Johnstone (0) 1 (Brogan)	
Airdrie (0) 1 (Lapsley (pen))	3,213
Stirling (0) 2 (Kennedy J., Gray)	
Clyde (0) 0	1,000

Scottish Second

Alloa (3) 4 (MacIntosh 3 (1 pen), Newman)	
Meadowbank (0) 0	650
Brechin (0) 1 (Campbell, I)	
Montrose (1) 2 (Robb, Campbell R., (o.g.))	1,200
East Fife (0) 1 (Lumsden)	
Stenhousemuir (0) 1 (Rose)	823
Falkirk (2) 3 (Thompson 3)	
Cowdenbeath (0) 0	1,500
Stranraer (0) 0	
Forfar (0) 1 (Rae (pen))	500

Friday, September 21

Third Division

Southend (3) 4 (Pountney, Tuohy, Morris, Gray)	
Plymouth (1) 1 (Kemp)	4,699

Saturday, September 22

First Division

Aston villa (0) 0	
Arsenal (0) 0	27,277
Bolton (0) 1 (Allardyce)	
Leeds (0) 1 (Graham (pen))	21,724
Brighton (0) 0	
Southampton (0) 0	26,918
Bristol C (1) 1 (Mann)	
Nottm For (0) 1 (Mills)	22,759
Derby (0) 1 (Duncan)	
Middlesbro (0) 0	18,620
Ipswich (0) 1 (Wark)	
Everton (1) 1 (Kidd)	19,251
Liverpool (0) 0	
Norwich (0) 0	44,120
Man City (3) 3 (Robinson 2, McKenzie)	
Coventry (0) 0	30,869
Stoke (1) 1 (Smith)	
C. Palace (0) 2 (Hilaire, O'Callaghan (o.g.))	19,255
Tottenham (0) 1 (Hodde (pen))	
West Brom (0) 1 (Brown A)	29,814
Wolves (1) 3 (Hibbitt, Gray, Richards)	
Man Utd (1) 1 (Macari)	35,954

Second Division

Burnley (0) 1 (Dobson)	
Sunderland (1) 1 (Robson)	8,751
Cardiff (0) 0	
Cambridge (0) 0	8,539
Charlton (0) 2 (Powell, Robinson)	
Shrewsbury (0) 1 (Birch)	5,323
Chelsea (1) 2 (Johnson 2)	
Watford (0) 0	21,480
Leicester (3) 3 (Young 2, Smith)	
Fulham (2) 3 (Rofe (o.g.), Davies 2)	14,875

Luton (0) 0	
Oldham (0) 0	8,711
Newcastle (0) 1 (Shoulder (pen))	
Wrexham (0) 0	27,744
Notts Co (0) 0	
Swansea (0) 0	8,319
Orient (0) 2 (Mayo 2)	
Birmingham (2) 2 (Lynex, Curbishley)	5,550
Preston (2) 3 (Bruce 2, Elliott)	
Bristol R (1) 2 (Taylor, Penny)	7,555
Q.P.R. (1) 3 (Allen 2, Goddard)	
West Ham (0) 0	24,692

Third Division

Barnsley (0) 2 (Bell, Glavin (pen))	
Millwall (0) 1 (Lyons)	11,788
Blackpool (1) 2 (McEwan 2 (1 pen))	
Blackburn (0) 1 (Kendall)	10,193
Chester (0) 0	
Reading (0) 2 (Earles, Kearney)	3,226
Exeter (1) 1 (Neville (pen))	
Carlisle (0) 2 (Bonneyman, Bannon)	3,409
Grimsby (1) 1 (Kilmore)	
Colchester (0) 2 (Lee 2)	6,962
Hull (0) 0	
Gillingham (0) 0	6,142
Mansfield (1) 3 (Austin, Allen, Taylor)	
Sheff Utd (1) 4 (Butlin, De Goey, Speight, Bourne)	9,000
Oxford (1) 3 (Briggs, Cooke, Graydon (pen))	
Bury (0) 1 (Halford)	6,512
Rotherham (0) 2 (McEwan 2)	
Chesterfield (0) 0	6,174
Sheff Wed (2) 4 (Tucker (o.g., Smith (pen), Wylde 2)	
Swindon (1) 2 (McHale (pen), Mayes)	11,636

Fourth Division

Aldershot (2) 3 (Jopling, Crosby, French)	
Crewe (0) 0	3,227
Bournemouth (0) 0	
Halifax (1) 1 (Moore (o.g.))	3,233

Joe Gallagher clears for Birmingham during their 2-2 draw with Orient.



Bradford (1) 2 (Dolan (pen), Staniforth)	
Scunthorpe (0) 0	5,965
Darlington (0) 1 (Walsh (pen))	
Walsall (1) 3 (Penn, Buckley 2)	1,609
Doncaster (1) 1 (Warboys)	
Newport (1) 3 (Thompson, Tynan, Goddard (pen))	3,338
Hartlepool (1) 2 (Houchen, Ayre)	
Torquay (1) 2 (Bourne 2)	2,517
Hereford (0) 2 (Hunt, Phillips)	
Wigan (0) 1 (Wright)	3,891
Huddersfield (4) 7 (Fletcher, Delgado (o.g.), Hart 2, Robins 2, Stanton)	
Port Vale (0) 1 (Chamberlain)	4,299
Lincoln (2) 3 (Cunningham (pen), Guest (pen), Hobson)	
Tranmere (0) 0	3,285
Northampton (1) 1 (Bowen)	
Peterborough (0) 0	3,678
Rochdale (0) 1 (Weir)	
Portsmouth (0) 2 (Garwood, Rogers)	2,423
York (1) 2 (Wellings, Lorimer)	
Stockport (2) 2 (Henson, Czuczman)	2,443

Scottish Premier

Aberdeen (1) 1 (Strachan)	
Celtic (1) 2 (Aitken, Doyle)	22,000
Dundee U (2) 2 (Pettigrew, Kopel)	
Partick (0) 1 (O'Hara)	6,786
Hibs (0) 0	
St. Mirren (2) 2 (Bone, McDougall)	7,000
Morton (1) 3 (Ritchie (pen), McLaughlin, Thompson)	
Kilmarnock (1) 1 (Gibson)	7,000
Rangers (0) 2 (McGeachie (o.g.), Glennie (o.g.))	
Dundee (0) 0	24,000

Scottish First

Ayr (3) 5 (Frye, Morris 2, Christie, Armour)	
St. Johnstone (1) 1 (Goldthorpe)	2,446
Berwick (0) 3 (McLeod, Morton 2)	
Stirling (0) 1 (Armstrong)	1,056
Clyde (0) 0	
Motherwell (0) 1 (Soutar (pen))	1,800
Dumbarton (1) 1 (Coyle)	
Arbroath (0) 0	900
Hamilton (0) 2 (O'Donnell 2)	
Dunfermline (0) 0	2,500
Hearts (2) 2 (O'Connor, Fraser)	
Airdrie (2) 2 (McGuire 2)	6,000
Raith (2) 2 (Wallace, Forsyth)	
Clydebank (2) 4 (Miller, Sweeney, Given, Ronald)	4,000

Scottish Second

Albion (0) 1 (Campbell)	
Stranraer (2) 3 (Inglis, Robertson, Sim)	600
Alloa (0) 1 (Finlayson (o.g.))	
East Fife (0) 0	950
Cowdenbeath (0) 1 (Steele)	
Forfar (0) 0	380
Falkirk (1) 3 (Thompson 2, Leetian)	
Brechin (2) 2 (Campbell, I., 2 (1 pen))	1,800
Meadowbank (0) 2 (Downie, Conroy)	
Queen of South (0) 1 (Alexander)	250
Montrose (1) 2 (Oliver, Johnston)	
East Stirling (0) 0	800
Stenhousemuir (0) 0	
Queen's Park (1) 1 (Wylie)	500



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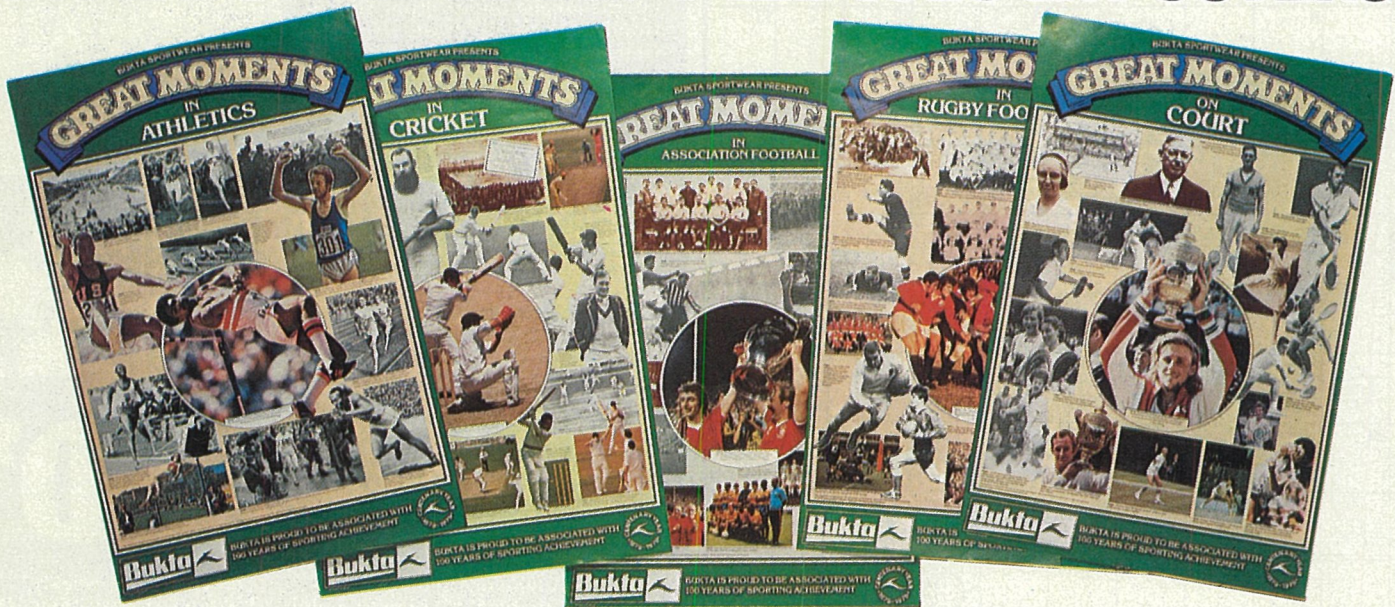


VANCOUVER Whitecaps beat Tampa Bay Rowdies 2-1 in the North American League Soccer Final and it was very much a "domestic" affair, with nine British stars appearing for Vancouver and five for Tampa. **ABOVE LEFT**, we see Vancouver's Alan Ball with Oscar Fabbiani, the Argentine, who in his first NASL season, topped the goal-chart. **LEFT**, another well-known face, Trevor Whymark, hammers home one of his two goals for Vancouver. Do you recognise the Vancouver captain, seen above? He's exchanged shirts with Manny Andruszewski (Tampa and Southampton) ... and is John Craven, formerly of Blackpool, Crystal Palace, Coventry and Plymouth.

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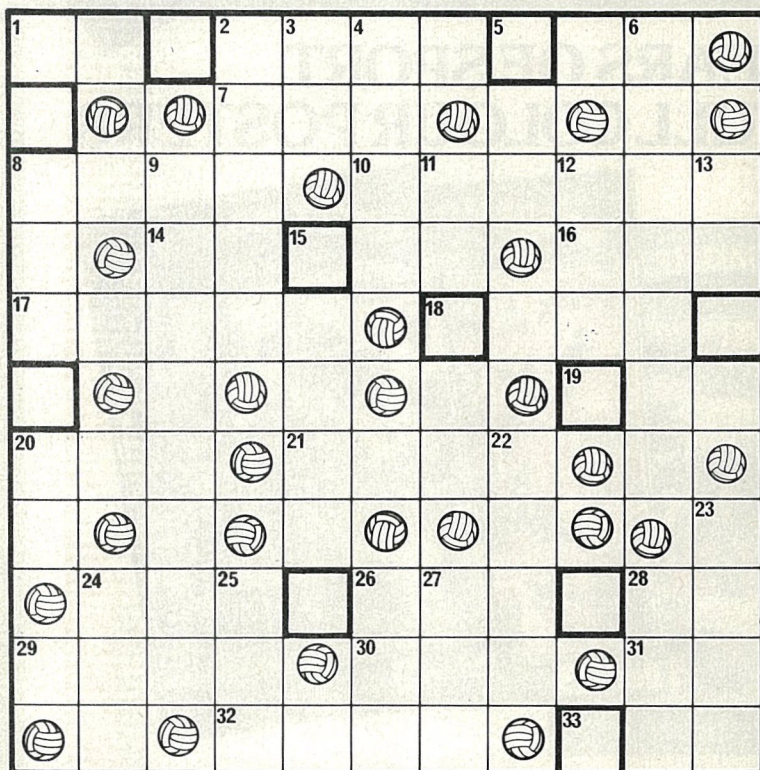
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After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Queens Park Rangers striker. Answers on page 46.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Welsh international and Leeds United player. (5 & 5).
- (7) — Macari, Manchester United striker.
- (8) — Madrid. Winners of the European Cup from 1956 to 1960.
- (10) With increased volume — like the cheers of a crowd becoming more excited.
- (14) Stan ----- of Q.P.R.
- (16) Glenn H-d-l-, Spurs midfield star.
- (17) -t--fo-d Bridg- (Chelsea). Blot from the missing letters.
- (18) --u-a-pton, Saints. Insects from the omissions.
- (19) Paul H-g-r-y of Dundee United and Scotland.
- (20) Preston North —.
- (21) Record number of goals ever scored by an individual player in an F.A. Cup match.
- (24) Playing like a machine, for instance!
- (29) — Zoff; Italian goalkeeper.
- (30) Arthur A-b-s-on of Manchester United.
- (31) FC T--nte; Dutch League club.
- (32) Descriptive of an un-exciting game, for example.
- (33) — McNaught of Aston Villa.

DOWN:—

- (1) Club from Oakwell.
- (2) Scottish Division Two club from Recreation Park.
- (3) Ian Mu-r- of St Mirren.
- (4) No room for any more fans!
- (5) Willie ---ng of Arsenal.
- (6) David —, Nottingham Forest player.
- (9) Scottish League Cup runners-up, 1978/9.
- (11) Russell —, Ipswich Town player.
- (12) --ncas--r Rovers from Belle Vue Ground.
- (13) Take a breather!
- (15) Twist violently.
- (22) --eter C--y from St James' Park.
- (23) ----n Roeder of Q.P.R.
- (24) Ray Kennedy plays in ---field for Liverpool.
- (25) Tony Woo-c--k (Nottingham Forest). The omissions reversed.
- (26) Sheffield United play at Bram--- Lane.
- (27) Ke---worth Ground, Luton.
- (28) Gay M--do- (Shrewsbury Town). Reverence from the missing letters.

BEFORE our game against Denmark I wrote in my SHOOT column that I hoped we could continue our progress under Ron Greenwood. The 1-0 win certainly wasn't one of our better performances, but I prefer to think of it as just a stutter rather than a disaster.

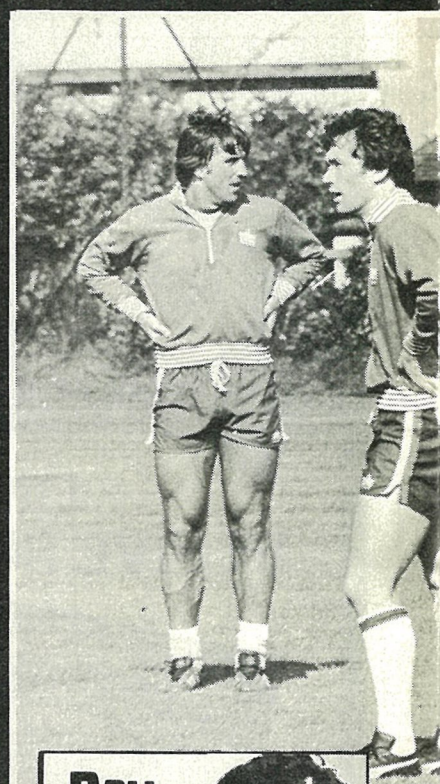
I'm surprised we had so much criticism. I've said all along that to win and entertain is a bonus. There are, however, matches where to win is the priority and after almost a decade in the international wilderness, our main objective was to make qualification for the European Championship even more certain ... which we did.

People tend to look for the bad things rather than the good from England. I don't go along with all this talk about us not being able to live with the best in Italy next summer.

We have had two defeats in 20 internationals under Ron Greenwood — one of those, in West Germany, was lost more by a refereeing decision than inferior ability. Our record is good, surely no one can dispute that?

I read all about our so-called inferior ability to the Continentals. Well, I reckon England have one priceless quality every other country envies. I can't believe there is a happier squad of players anywhere in the world. You may have heard this before, but it's true. The spirit is fantastic.

There are no cliques or personality clashes. Even the most intense of



Ray Wilkins
WRITES
FOR YOU

'ENGLAND'S

rivals, Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton, are the best of friends and room with each other.

It's this togetherness that will, I'm sure, serve England well next year. As we've proved before, we have the ability to fight back if we go behind and there are some countries whose heads drop under those circumstances.

It's said we're a one-man team. Kevin Keegan is the best forward in the world and would walk into any side. It's only natural that we should make use of him and try to get the ball to him as often as possible. To do otherwise would be foolish because you should always make use of your assets.

England are lucky to have Kev yet I would not say we rely totally on him, as some would have us believe. Kevin typifies the England spirit and while he's a superstar there is no conceit or bigheadedness about him.

Even so, we know there is still a long way to go. Returning to the Denmark game, they were much better defensively than in Copenhagen a year ago, when the game could have ended 9-8! I liked the look of their goalkeeper Birger Jensen, who was their star player, I thought.

We could have been 1-0 down after five minutes when Elkjaer was put through. He should have

scored, but shot weakly.

It wasn't an easy game. Denmark are good individually, with some of the most skilful players in Europe. Their drawback is that their best players can't always obtain their release, so the teamwork suffers. Being honest, they disappointed me a little and didn't live up to the pre-match warnings.

England played quite well in the first-half and deservedly took the lead.

Dummy

Our goal was a relief for me. The ball came across and I missed it. I had no idea that Kevin was backing me up and was on hand to slam the ball home. You could say it was a good dummy, but ...

In the second-half, we began badly and never got going. Denmark were unhappy with one or two refereeing decisions, notably when Lerby ran between Mick Mills and Phil Thompson and was floored.

Ray Clemence thought it was a penalty. Many England fans did, too. My view was that the guy was looking for the penalty — he pushed the ball between our men and dived when he had no chance of getting it. However, it was a close thing, a decision that could have gone either way.



"England FC in training... all players are important, those chosen AND the subs."

In the end, we were all relieved to have won an important tie. We should have put more pressure on Denmark, especially in the second-half.

I felt I was getting forward a lot in the first 45 minutes and should have

scored. I've only hit the back of the net once for England, a total I would naturally like to improve on. The trouble is, I'm usually the midfield man who stays deep. After the interval the other lads were yelling at me to stay back in order to keep the

balance of the side.

I know Ron Greenwood hasn't made too many changes to his team, but I can assure you all the players in the squad are made to feel important. The substitutes and everyone else are, if anything, given more attention than the side! The manager takes the time to explain to everyone not chosen why he isn't playing and as everyone believes in Mr Greenwood's way, there is no ill feeling.

The confidence of the players selected is boosted by the knowledge that we won't be dropped after one below-par performance. In the past this has inhibited some England players and their form has suffered. Ron Greenwood understands his players and his loyalty has, I feel, paid off.

Surprised

We are still not yet 100 per cent certain of reaching the final stages of the European Championship. If we're not in Italy next June, though, I'll be very surprised — and disappointed.

This Saturday (October 6th) Manchester United host Brighton, who have not yet fully got to grips with Division One.

I thought they would have done better. They've been without Mark Lawrenson, who I rate very highly. I played against him when England met the Republic of Ireland last season and the Brighton sweeper looked a very good defender. His

absence must have hit The Seagulls.

The ITV strike means our quota of TV soccer has been cut down and I haven't seen Brighton yet this season.

I remember playing against their manager, Alan Mullery, three or four times. He was a midfield player with great awareness and he is proving to be as shrewd a manager as he was a player.

My early games with United have been like a dream, playing before the biggest crowds of the League and, on September 15th, experiencing life at the top of Division One for the first time. I hope we can maintain this momentum and two points on Saturday will be very welcome.

It was, naturally, disappointing to lose our unbeaten record at Wolves on September 22nd, especially as we dominated the game. Even so, United are real challengers for the title, which doesn't look like being the two-club race many people predicted a few weeks ago.

At Old Trafford, our fans have helped us tremendously and I'm sure another bumper crowd will be there for Saturday's game.

Join me in two weeks,

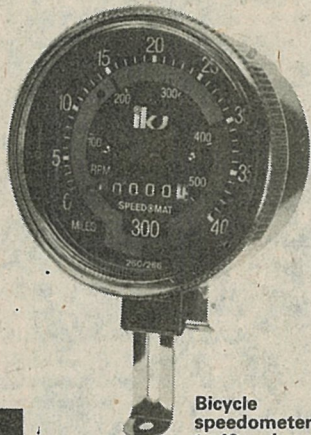
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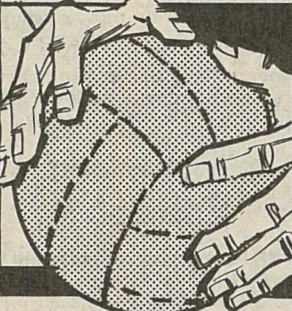
YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1 A player controls the ball with his hand but his hand is inside the sleeve of his shirt. Should you penalise him for handball?



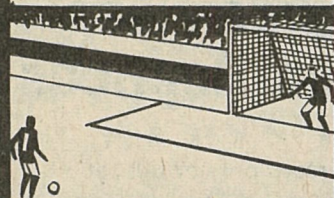
2 At the start of a match you are handed a light blue ball. There is no alternative. Should you allow the match to be played?



3 What should you do if a player complains that his leg has been slashed by an opponent's studs? Should you (a) take no notice, (b) warn the opponent, or (c) examine the opponents studs?



4 You have awarded a penalty kick. The captain asks his goalkeeper to take the kick. Should you allow this?



5 After a goal is scored a linesman tells you that the ball was punched into goal by an attacker. Should you disallow the goal and award (a) a goal-kick or (b) a direct free-kick against the attacker?



ANSWERS

1 Yes. 2 Yes. Although this season the Football League has brought in a new coloured ball and I assume asked the clubs to use them — they are spotted red and white. I have been told by a goalkeeper that under floodlights it can be very difficult to judge — so it will be interesting to see the outcome. 3 Examine the opponents studs (c). In all Football League matches my linesmen go into the dressing rooms of both teams to examine the players' boots to ensure they conform to the regulations. This is done about 10/15 minutes before the match. I sometimes think it unnecessary because if players wanted to change their boots before the start of the game they still have plenty of time to do it. I am not suggesting they would, but it does seem a silly rule. 4 Yes. 5 A direct free-kick against the attacker (b).



Davy Wilson

DUMBARTON-Scotland's 'Rip Van Winkle' club

THE not-so-quaintly named Boghead Park is home of little Dumbarton. On a dark night you need the qualities of a latter-day Sherlock Holmes to track down the ground.

Down in Dumbarton nothing much has stirred in years. It's been sleepy valley, a club with little support and an ambition of like-wise proportion. Today Dumbarton has awakened from its lethargy, no longer do they want to be known as "The Rip Van Winkles" of Scottish soccer.

The ever youthful Davy Wilson, the former Rangers and Scotland left-winger and manager of Dumbarton says: "We are very close to having a good side. We have great potential here and we are building for the future."

"I'll admit I have had a substantial offer for 17-year-old striker Graeme Sharp, but I don't intend to sell him until I am ready to let him go. We are building a team here, not destroying one."

Dumbarton, in fact, could have an awesome strike force today if financial pressures in the past hadn't forced them into parting with several of their top class strikers.

Tom McAdam was lured to Dundee United in exchange for £45,000 and he has since moved on to Celtic for £60,000 and is currently playing in their central defence.

John Bourke was the next to go when Dundee United manager Jim McLean arrived again at Boghead in search of a goalscorer. This time he parted with £65,000 and Bourke went to Tannadice.

Unhappily for United, things didn't click for Bourke in a tangerine jersey and he was

allowed to join Kilmarnock last season for £45,000.

Ian Wallace also packed up his shooting boots and moved out of Boghead when Coventry City came on the scene. They bid around £100,000 and another goal thief was on his way.

Dumbarton are now trying to change their image and they have no intention of selling players for cut-price fees. Graeme Sharp, for instance, shows more potential at this age and stage than McAdam, Bourke and even Wallace did.

He is most certainly one for the future and Wilson hopes it is with his club.

"I know a lot of clubs have watched us since the season has kicked-off," says Wilson. "I keep reading in the papers that Arsenal, Bristol City, Manchester City among others have been to our games."

"I just hope they are impressed by the standard of football we are providing, but they can forget all about us handing out bargains. I know the calibre of the players I have on my staff. They take my breath away sometimes with their ability."

Dumbarton's history is hardly star-studded and spectacular. They were formed in 1872 and are 16 years older than Celtic! Their record attendance is a mere 18,000 for Boghead and that came in a Scottish Cup-tie against Raith Rovers in 1957.

So, they have taken their time in awakening from their slumber. They have a lot of time to catch up on. They have wiped the sleep from their eyes and they are now rarin' to go.

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This week's Star Letter comes from **Veronica Richardson of Walsley**, who wins our Special Prize of £5. She writes:

ARE TRIBUNAL FEES FAIR?

★ **HAVING** seen the results of the first two Independent Tribunals, I am still undecided as to whether they are good for soccer or not.

Obviously they help to keep the ridiculously inflated transfer fees down, but it seems unfair that some clubs concerned are losing money.

When a player's contract has finished, he is free to negotiate terms with another club and let the tribunal decide the fee if necessary. This fee, it appears, can be as much as £200,000 less than the selling club's asking price, whereas if the player were still under contract, discussions could have been prolonged until the club got what it wanted.

An example of this is when **Everton** priced **Martin Dobson** (right) at £350,000 but the tribunal

ordered **Burnley** to pay only £100,000 ... £250,000 less!

Maybe a solution to this problem is to let the tribunal decide ALL transfer fees.



● We certainly need someone with some sense to place realistic fees on players. Clubs between them don't seem to be able to.

Free View

SPARE a thought for **Albion Rovers**. When they played **Partick Thistle** in a League Cup tie, there were 3,000 paying spectators at the ground and an estimated 200 non-paying "fans" watching from the hill overlooking the ground. At a minimum of £1.20 per head, that was a loss of around £250 to the needy Rovers.

Needless to say, since then, plans have been made to erect a high wall to offset further free viewing — with the hope that the previous free samples of Rovers' skills will lead to future fee-paying sessions by these dubious tight-fisted supporters.

BRIAN MINNIS, COATBRIDGE.

● Rovers have had a good start to the season and with added support could make it to the First Division.

What's up, Clough?

CAN someone please tell me what **Brian Clough** is up to? He's a great manager, but ...

We hear he's a staunch Socialist — then deprives his players of the basic right of British people ... the right to speak.

He wonders why wild rumours circulate. If poor old **Trevor Francis** had had the chance to explain things, there would have been no need to call a special Press conference to deny he's leaving.

Incidentally, am I the only person who feels that when this is said, something is usually afoot?

It's like a manager being given a vote of confidence. That means he's going to be fired shortly!

TONY BROCKMAN, WEST HAMPSTEAD.

● The day anyone knows all about **Cloughie** is the day he ceases to become such an interesting character. Not good, not bad ... but interesting!

Give Sunderland A Break

HOW **Ron Greenwood** can consistently choose a player like **Bob Latchford** — who has hardly played this season — and ignore **Alan Sunderland** (below) is beyond me. England's critics talk about the need for more goal-power. Well, the Arsenal striker has been scoring regularly for a year and **Greenwood** should at least give him a chance.

WARREN MATTHEWS, CHESHUNT.

● **Greenwood** places loyalty high on his priority list, which is admirable, but the squad does have a samey look about it, and I wonder if other players are being given sufficient chances to break through.



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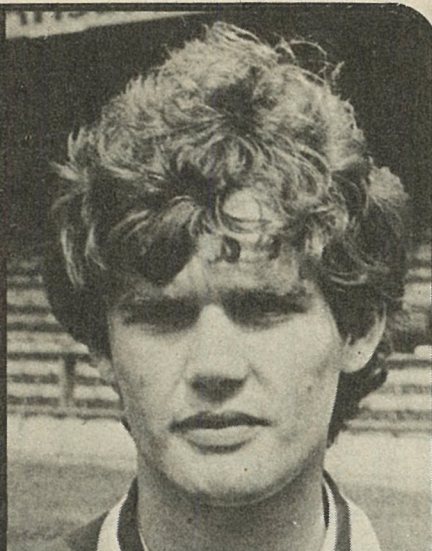
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GREGOR STEVENS

BY Asa Hartford's standards Gregor Stevens' stay at Leicester City was almost a marathon!

The slim and rugged back-four man was bought by Filbert Street boss Jock Wallace at the end of last season for a reported £175,000 from crisis-torn Motherwell.

He played in the pre-season friendlies and made his competitive debut against Rotherham in the League Cup on Saturday, August 11. Leicester lost that match and inside a month and four games later Stevens was on his whirlwind way back to Scotland.

Rangers had agreed to part with an undisclosed sum of money plus young reserve striker Derek Strickland — well known to Jock Wallace, of course, during his stint as boss at Ibrox — and the move went through without a hitch.

"It was a complete surprise," says Stevens. "I had no idea what was going on behind the scenes until Mr. Wallace had a word with me."

"Rangers wanted me, the deal was all set up and all it needed was my okay. I couldn't sign quick enough. It was a dream move for me... I really mean that."

In this amazing transfer-conscious world Stevens could have been an Old Firm player in the middle of last season... AS A CELT!

Parkhead manager Billy McNeill was linked with the player as he set about strengthening his back-four.

McNeill was reported to be unhappy when the transfer story leaked out and eventually the deal was scrapped. Rangers had tried to sign the Scottish Under-21 defender at the start of the season, but had been thwarted in that bid, too.

At this time manager John Greig was said to have been ready to part with £150,000 for Stevens, but the ex-Well boss Roger Hynd turned it down, saying he wouldn't mind buying Sandy Jardine and Kenny Watson from Rangers! Greig put the deal on ice.

Even at the last minute before

Stevens signed for Leicester Rangers made a move, but they were too late. Stevens was on his way to a new career in the South.

"Mr. Wallace impressed me during our signing talks," says Stevens. "I know he wants to do a great job for Leicester City and their supporters."

"I won't be there to help him, of course, but I wish him all the luck in the world. He has taken on a big job, but he is not shirking the responsibility."

As usual there is a story behind the story of a transfer. Why did Stevens fail to hit it off with Leicester? It certainly wasn't through lack of trying.

Surprise

Apparently Stevens' wife didn't settle in the area and, in fact, the couple hadn't even bought a house in England by the time Rangers came in with their surprise bid.

Stevens unknowingly at the time said farewell to Leicester fans with a 3-1 defeat from Luton, but within a week he was being cheered by 30,000 Rangers supporters as he figured in another 3-1 scoreline... this time in favour of his new club, against St. Mirren at Ibrox.

The fans acclaimed the performance of the cultured Stevens and he didn't put a foot wrong. But they were mystified when John Greig took off the player during the second-half and put on substitute Alex Miller.

"The boy was complaining of earache at half-time," says Greig. "However, he is such a professional that he wanted to go out for the second-half. He was tired after all the transfer activity and that's why I took him off."

"I have absolutely no doubt that the player will be a great asset to the club. I like his spirit... he'll fit in well at Ibrox."

So, Stevens kicks off his career yet again... this time he hopes his stay with his new club will be slightly longer!

It's been a bad year for MICKEY WALSH

THE worst 12 months of Mickey Walsh's life are drawing to a close. That's the verdict of Walsh himself as he prepares to pick up the pieces of a career that at one stage promised First Division and international stardom.

Queens Park Rangers' 25-year-old Republic of Ireland striker has suffered more setbacks and disappointments in one year than most players encounter in an entire career.

But with characteristic grit he make a solemn promise to Rangers manager Tommy Docherty: "You see The Doc's name in headlines and you see him taking knocks. But the man has stood by me — a player he inherited — despite the fact that I have not yet done much for him."

"I am impressed by his enthusiasm and drive. It spreads through a squad quickly. I want to be part of The Doc's plans and I am determined to show him I was worth his trouble."

Trouble is something with which Walsh is only too familiar. He has just finished moving into a new house in Little Chalfont, a move forced upon Walsh and his wife, Christine, by circumstances which virtually conspired against him.

Walsh explained: "Twelve months ago I was on top of the world. Everton signed me from Blackpool for £325,000 because my record of 72 League goals in 172 games convinced people there that I was a good prospective partner for Bob Latchford."

"I scored on my Goodison Park debut, in a friendly against Dutch club NAC Breda and things went very well early on. But on August 19 we opened our First Division programme away to Chelsea, and on my League debut I ended up needing stitches in my mouth after colliding with big Micky Droy."

"He knocked out one tooth and re-arranged the rest, leaving me mumbling through a swollen mouth."

"Then my form dipped alarm-

ingly. The Everton fans were disappointed with Gordon Lee's decision to drop Duncan McKenzie. I was considered the villain of the piece because I came in."

"I suppose I worried too much at the time. But my goals dried up. We drew with Aston Villa, 1-1, on September 16 at Villa Park and I scored our goal. Then I scored two in our massive U.E.F.A. Cup win over Irish club, Finn Harps."

"Manchester United then came to Goodison in the November and I had just won over the fans. I played my best football for the club in the opening half hour of that match, then, crunch! A tackle with Gordon McQueen broke a bone in my foot."

'Ice-rink'

"It was January before I could play again and Gordon Lee gambled by putting me straight back in the side for the F.A. Cup Third Round tie away to Sunderland. I was simply not match-fit. We lost 2-1 on an ice-rink then went down 1-0 away to Wolves."

"That was when Lee decided I was not part of his plans. One day before the transfer deadline he told me Rangers were interested."

Walsh made a quick impact with struggling Rangers, scoring on his debut in a 2-2 draw with Derby. In fact he scored three goals in seven games. But it was too late to save them from relegation.

"The Doc's arrival worried me because he has a reputation for buying and selling players. But he told me I was part of his plans."

Fate, however, had not finished with Walsh, whose performances in Eire's last three internationals established him as a regular.

"We played three tour games and in the final game, in Denmark, I collided with the goalkeeper... and broke my left arm."

"I feel as if I have a whole year to make up. It has been something of a dream that became a nightmare."



The Doc told Walsh (hoops) he was wanted at Q.P.R.

Has Larry Lloyd of Nottm Forest ever played for England?

Which Leeds United long-server, capped by England, has played for the club in every position except goalkeeper?

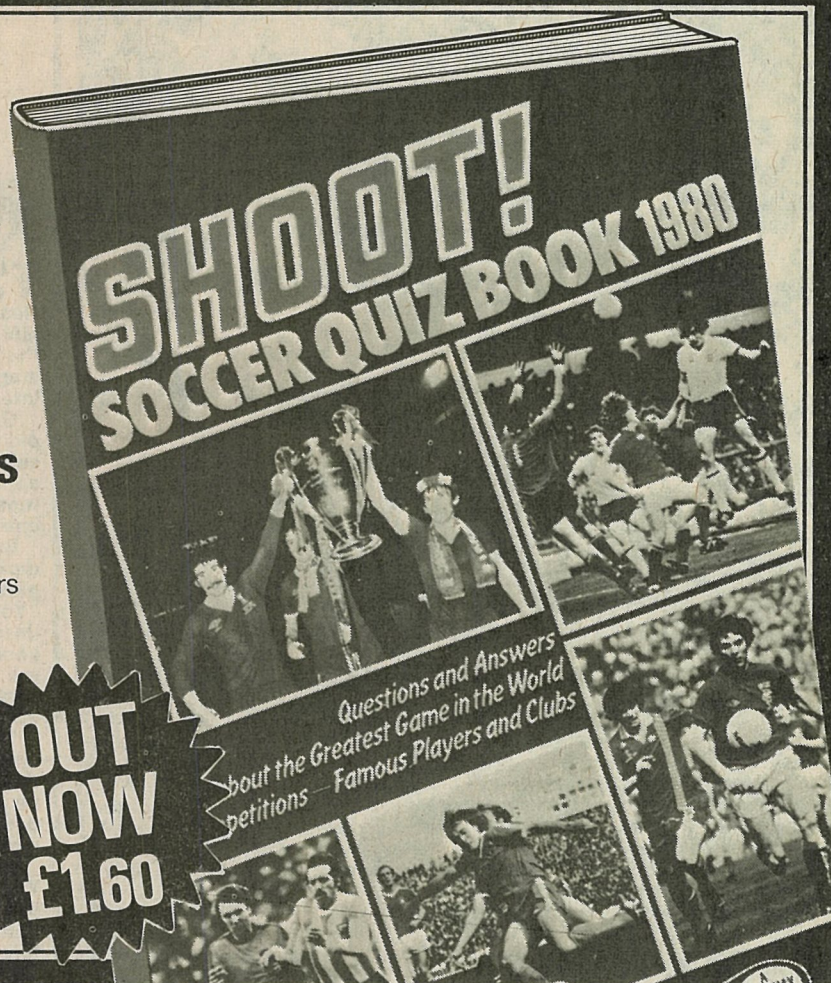
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THE 1978-79 season was notable for the emergence of young prodigies like Kenny Sansom, Viv Anderson, Cyrille Regis and Gary Bailey.

Others like Alan Shoulder, of Newcastle, and Gary Stevens, of Cardiff City, arrived from the less likely source of non-League football.

So what comparatively new names will emerge in these next nine months?

The next full internationals to follow Anderson and Sansom could well be Southampton's dynamo Steve Williams, Ipswich's defensive strongman Terry Butcher, and one of three strikers West Brom's John Deehan, the not dissimilar Kevin Reeves, of Norwich, or Forest's Garry Birtles, as yet uncapped at any level.

The pencil-thin Williams is knocking loudest at the door, and if Tony Currie and Terry McDermott continue to leave doubts about their suitability for the very highest level, expect Williams to edge into Ron Greenwood's plans ahead of Gary Owen.

Without meaning to be disrespectful to Butcher, he could almost make the side by default.

He is disconcertingly short of experience, yet with Hughes ageing, Beattie too often inactive and no one else really staking a genuine claim, he could be the next England number six — or indeed five if the admirable Dave Watson should be absent.

Tighter

Of the striking trio Birtles was the man in form last season, but the true test will come in his second year when he will be tighter marked by defences, wiser for knowing him.

Greenwood has always admired Deehan, but it wasn't until the final passages of last season that he touched his best form.

Reeves also suffered from lack of support at Norwich, but he impressed on the England summer tour and like Deehan can only get better.

That's where our search for the new names of 1980 really begins for at Norwich they desperately need someone to score goals along with Reeves.

Manager John Bond has high hopes of coloured boy Justin Fashanu.

It's not hard to deduce that Fashanu has a killer instinct, and isn't exactly short of brute force.

If he can ally a little finesse to this positive approach, he will be the next black player to catch the eye.

Manchester City chose a strange game to blood their most promising midfielder last season, yet Nicky Reid did exceptionally well in the U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Amid all the turmoil of the summer with players coming and going, Reid has remained a hub around which Malcolm Allison can build.

Across the city where they have always had a centre forward to love — Rowley, Taylor, Herd, Charlton and Pearson among them

THE YOUNG ONES



Andy Ritchie (left) burst on the scene last season when he scored a hat-trick for Manchester United against Leeds.

— they reckon Andy Ritchie is next off the production line.

Ritchie was unknown a year ago, but he scored enough goals of quality to prove he has a big future in the game.

Middlesbrough are hoping they've unearthed another Wilf Mannion.

His name is Mark Proctor, and the teenager impressed considerably in his first season, both as goal-maker and taker.

Goalscorers always take the eye first and foremost which is why Crystal Palace, Bristol Rovers and Queens Park Rangers all feel they own precious gems.

The Palace diamond is Ian Walsh, eligible to play for Wales and who scored on his debut against Eire in September.

Walsh may not convert as many chances as he should, but he has

the knack of getting into the right positions.

When Bristol Rovers sold chief scorer Paul Randall to Stoke, it was with the comforting knowledge that waiting in the wings was Steve White.

With a sequence of goals that Randall himself could hardly have bettered, White revealed the identical qualities which earned the Eastville club a large cheque.

Bolton Wanderers had a couple of more than useful goalscorers in Frank Worthington and Alan Gowling last season, but at the other end of the field they've discovered a defender of infinite potential in David Burke.

He looks a very composed young player and soon won the hearts of the hurdy Burnden fans with some outstanding performances.

A young man who's extremely

popular with Crystal Palace fans is Jerry Murphy, who has that indiscernible quality of having oceans of time to do everything. His ability to chip goalkeepers is almost unique but one he exerts with tremendous confidence and capability.

Queens Park Rangers manager, Tommy Docherty, has already stated that he expects great things this season from Clive Allen. You'll remember that this son of former Tottenham star Les Allen exploded on to the First Division scene with a hat-trick in his first full game against Coventry.

Since then he has experienced the disappointment of missing a vital penalty for the England youth side, but all this will not be lost on a young player who has much to offer.

Another London newcomer to watch is Chelsea striker Gary Johnson who was blooded by Danny Blanchflower last season at an awkward time and scored on his debut against Manchester United.

Relegation will have been taken badly by Birmingham's Mark Dennis but he revealed even in a sinking side that he will be around for a long time to come, while a former colleague Steve Fox is aiming for the top again in the new surroundings of Wrexham.

He made an immediate impact and with increased opportunities he could attract a good deal of attention.

Watch also for Midlands starlets Kevin Summerfield (West Brom), Garry Thompson (Coventry) and Paul Emson (Derby County).

In the Second Division we'll offer three names, Derek Christie, at Cambridge, Andy Peake, at Leicester and Paul Hooks with Notts County.



Ipswich's Terry Butcher.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Which of these three Millwall youngsters Kevin O'Callaghan, Dave Mehmet (far right) or Paul Roberts joined the Republic of Ireland's squad for the friendly against Czechoslovakia in Prague recently?

2. Sunderland's Mick Docherty announced his retirement from the game due to a knee injury. Mick played for two other League clubs... can you name them?

3. Chelsea played Manchester United last month in a testimonial game at Stamford Bridge for which great servant of the club?

4. Colin Todd was transferred from Everton to which Second Division club for £300,000?

5. Which current England international star signed a new contract that will keep him at his club for the rest of his career?

6. Roger Davies was signed by which First Division club from Tulsa Roughnecks for £40,000?

7. Aston Villa transferred John Deehan (below) to Wolves, West Ham or West Brom?

8. Villa manager Ron Saunders



then paid out £250,000 for which midfield player from Hibernian?

9. Which First Division manager was recently granted a testimonial by his club?

10. Why was Lincoln City's Gordon

Hobson fined by manager Colin Murphy recently?

EURO CUPS

The First Round, first-legs of the three European Cup competitions were played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the games.

11. Who scored holders Nottingham Forest's two goals in their 2-0 win against Oesters from Sweden?

12. Ipswich Town travelled to Skeid Oslo in the U.E.F.A. Cup and beat them 2-1, 3-1 or 4-1?

13. In the Cup-Winners' Cup, Rangers played West Germans Fortuna Dusseldorf at Ibrox and won 2-1. What was the half-time score?

14. Aberdeen drew 1-1 with Eintracht Frankfurt in the U.E.F.A. Cup. Was the game played at Pittodrie or in West Germany?

15. Which East German club beat West Brom 2-0?

ANSWERS

1. O'Callaghan. 2. Burnley and Manchester City. 3. Peter Bonetti. 4. Birmingham. 5. West Ham's Trevor Brooking. 6. Derby County. 7. West Brom. 8. Des Bremner. 9. Bobby Robson of Ipswich. 10. For feigning a foul and getting an opponent booked. 11. Ian Bowyer. 12. 3-1. 13. 0-0. 14. Pittodrie. 15. Carl Zeiss Jena.

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CHANNON/BALL— back in the firing line for Saints

MIKE Channon joined Manchester City two years ago, at the peak of his career. Still an England regular, he was a member of the Southampton side that won the 1976 F.A. Cup and seemed certain to reach even greater heights with his new club.

He is now back at The Dell after the uneven and frustrating years at Maine Road. He spoke frankly to SHOOT about his move back and what went wrong at City.

"I've always said you should never return — I still stand by that. When I left The Dell in 1977, the old Cup team was breaking up and a period of rebuilding beginning. I wanted to see what life was like with a bigger club. Southampton now have a new side with a better blend of youth and experience, and they're much more consistent.

"City, on the other hand are building a new team and neither I nor Malcolm Allison saw myself as part of it. So it's a positive move for me — not a return to the past. I'd say that the new Southampton have a far better chance of success this season than City.

"I'm not running back home either. I took to the big club atmosphere completely — all the family did. We were very happy there, and I never thought about moving again until recently.

"It won't be a big wrench. I know all the players, so fitting in won't be a problem. Saints are a family club.

"I believe players should be treated as people who are part of the club, not just as numbers. City are a great club, but the way players have been bought and sold recently, there's a danger of it happening at Maine Road."

Allison freely admits City never played to Channon's strengths. He prefers the ball played forward early, giving him the opportunity to run at defences. But Allison had no intention of changing his team's style to suit Channon.

"Allison is one of the most knowledgeable people in the game. I could listen to him for hours. But if there's one fault he has, it's that he doesn't listen. Perhaps that's why a lot of the older players have gone, they weren't prepared to be moulded by him.

"That's what I mean about being part of a club. It's about being

happy. You've got to be able to discuss things off the field and share your views with the manager. If you're wrong, fine, but at least you've talked it over.

"Lawrie McMenemy's like that. To be honest I've missed him since I moved up North. You never know how much you appreciate something till it's gone. We'd always discuss things in the dressing-room at The Dell. Southampton's 1976 Cup-winning team was the happiest I've ever played in because of that."

Optimistic

Channon added a message for Saints fans.

"I'm very pleased to be back at The Dell and I'm optimistic. People say there are only two teams in the League at the moment, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. I'm delighted to hear it! Saints have already beaten Liverpool, so there's only one to go!

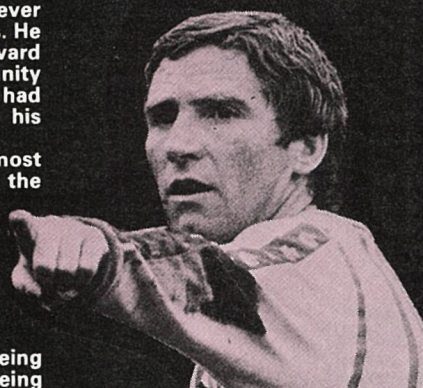
"Looking around the First Division with Alan Ball and Charlie George both fit and in the team, I see nothing to be frightened of."

And what a start Channon had when he helped Southampton beat Spurs 5-2 on his 'second' debut.

"It was the most enjoyable game I've played in for two years," says Channon. "It was a bonus to score the fourth goal.

"And what a player Alan Ball still is. We had a great understanding during our England days together and I know it will continue with Southampton.

"I've got a feeling Southampton have quite a season ahead."



CAREY & LAMBERT



Channon hammers Southampton's fourth against Spurs recently. Alan Ball (top), still a great player.

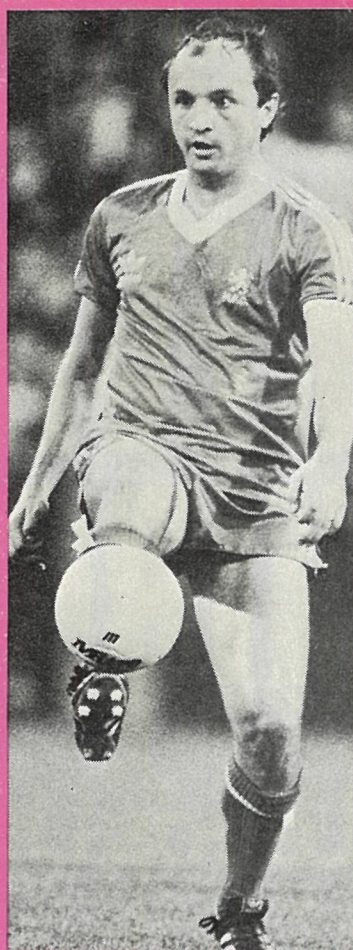
BOSCO JANKOVIC, Middlesbrough's striker from Yugoslavia, is a man who can express himself clearly in English — and has no hesitation in giving his views on football in England.

"The game is hard, but not as rough as it was back home," explains Bozo. "It is also fast, and I am always tired after a game, though not as much as I was when I first started to play over here."

It was last February when Jankovic became acquainted with English soccer. He was taken to Ayresome Park by Middlesbrough boss John Neal on one week's trial, and at a price of £100,000. Neal reckoned he had a bargain on his hands. But the player himself found his physical condition to be a handicap, weighing in at over 13½ stone.

Bozo says: "I was too heavy, which made it difficult for me, though it became easier after a while. My English was not too good when I came over a few months ago, yet although the players laughed it was all in fun, and they helped me to become used to my new surroundings."

Jankovic, who was born in the Yugoslav university town of Sarajevo 28 years ago, was only 13 when he joined Zeleznikar, a First Division club. He went on to represent Yugoslavia 24 times at Under-23 level, four times in the "B" team and five times in the full international side. Then manager Neal stepped in and brought him to Teesside, and as soon as he lost half-a-stone in weight, Bozo made



EMPEROR BOSCO IS A HIT WITH BORO

his impact on the English football scene.

Against Tottenham away on the opening day of the season, he scored a fine goal in Middlesbrough's 3-1 win, then three days later showed his class when Boro hammered Manchester City 3-0.

In these two matches, Jankovic proved he had solved his fitness problem: "It was terribly hard work getting down to 13 stone before the season started, and I trained in North Wales on the sand dunes to do this. In Yugoslavia we are not accustomed to such punishment.

"Last season, apart from my weight problem, I also had injuries which is why I'm so pleased now at being able to help in our early wins over Tottenham and Manchester City. Against Manchester United away, we lost, but I don't think we need to worry too much about it — they were on their own ground, and after that game we were still fourth top in the League."

Bozo became acquainted with our style of play seven years ago.

"I was with Zeleznikar in 1972 when we met Derby County in the European Cup, and it was hard for me against players like Roy McFar-

land and Colin Todd. It was in the First Round of the Cup, and we found Derby a tough team. We lost 2-0 at Derby and 1-2 in Yugoslavia.

"Nowadays in England, I enjoy the open game played by the First Division sides, which suits me very well. Also, I enjoy appearing in front of huge crowds over here — there is a lot of excitement and atmosphere at the stadiums."

While making his mark on the field with his educated feet, Jankovic is well-equipped to make a living away from the pitch — he is a fully-qualified lawyer, who affectionate fans know as "Emperor Bosco."

He explains, "I prefer to be known as Bosco, as it seems friendly. Later, I can go home and back to university to specialise in one branch of law, if Middlesbrough do not want me after my two-year contract runs out in 1981. Meanwhile, I want to prove to Mr Neal that I am value for money."

So far, Bozo is justifying his transfer fee. And Middlesbrough boss Neal appears to have no doubts about the playing ability of Jankovic.

Says Neal: "We expected nothing from him last winter. But after his training sessions on the dunes, he has become very much a part of our first team squad."

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KEVIN HIRD

Leeds Utd.

FULL NAME: Kevin Hird
BIRTHPLACE: Colne, Lancs
BIRTHDATE: 11th February, 1955
HEIGHT: 5ft 7ins
WEIGHT: 10st 8lbs
PREVIOUS CLUB: Blackburn Rovers
MARRIED: No, but I'm engaged to Susan
CAR: M.G.B.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Former Manchester United star George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: England
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: The tax man
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut for Leeds United
BIGGEST THRILL: Signing as a professional
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not getting promoted in 1977-78 with Blackburn Rovers
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: I haven't been to a country as good as England
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to music and going out for a meal
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Foreign food and not playing on Saturday
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Fawlty Towers and The Old Grey Whistle Test
FAVOURITE SINGERS: I like most kinds of music except Soul
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Paul Newman and Barbra Streisand
BEST FRIENDS: I like to think I have many inside and outside the game
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Undoubtedly my brother, Kenneth
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Travelling and being injured
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and healthy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be successful with Leeds United
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I dread to think
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The Queen at Wembley



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